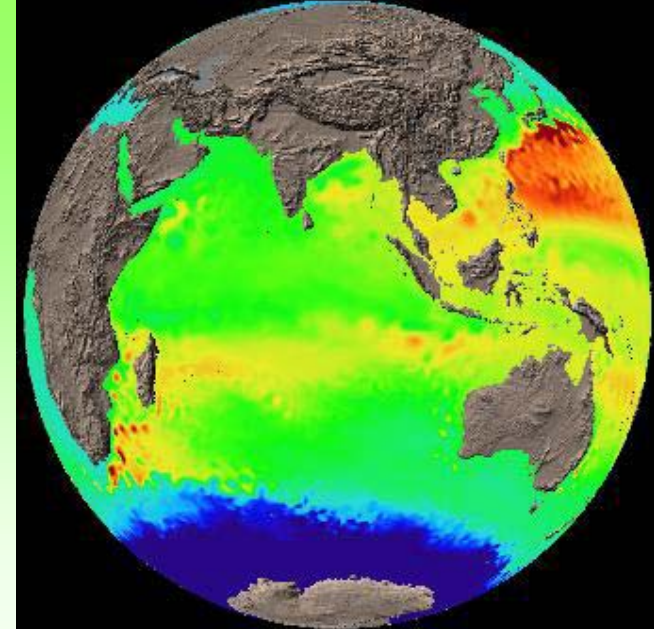


# Towards a Global Coupled Navy Prediction System: The Ocean Component



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# Navy Prediction Vision

- A high-resolution global coupled air/ocean/ice prediction system.
- Very-high resolution regional coupled models nested into the global system at strategic locations.



# Objectives

- Perform a two-decade spin-up of a high-resolution global configuration of POP.
- Perform a decade-long integration for the 1990's using high-frequency NOGAPS surface forcing up to as close to real time as possible.
- Provide a realistic, high resolution global ocean state for:
  - Data assimilation and forecasting
  - Coupling with the ice and atmospheric models.
  - Lateral boundary conditions for regional models.
  - Realistic turbulence statistics for sub-grid eddy parameterizations
  - Ocean process studies
  - Push limits of state-of-the-art high performance computers

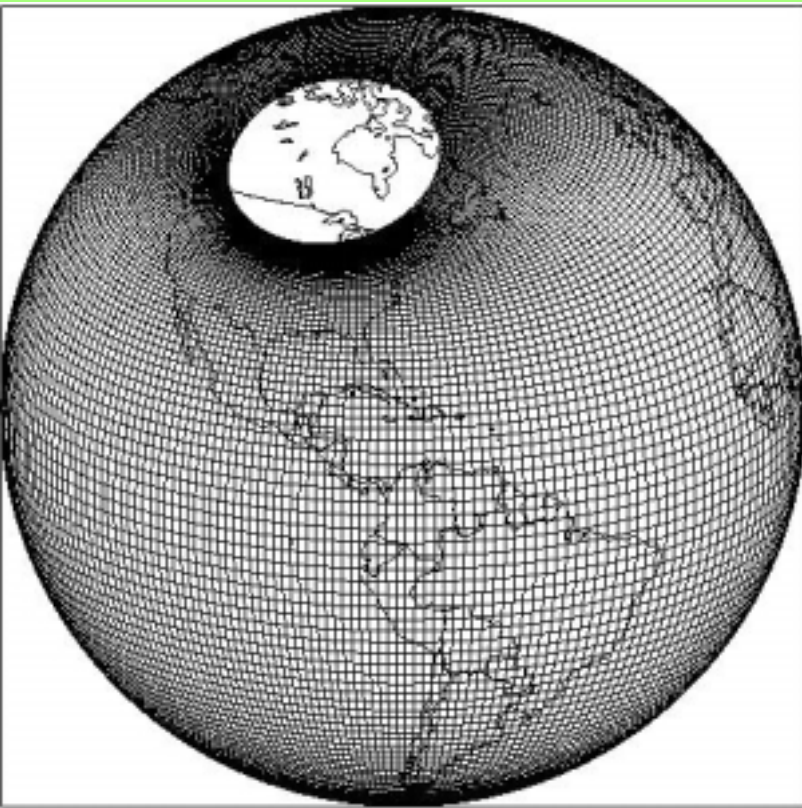
# Approach:

## Description of 0.1°, 40-level Global POP Spin-Up

- Fully global displaced North Pole grid (includes Arctic)
- 3600x2400x40 grid points
- POP release 1.3
- ``Natural`` spin-up from rest: Initialized from blended 1/8° MODAS (January) and POLES (winter) PT and S (Piacsek)
- Topography: Sandwell and Smith (71S-67N), IBCAO (66N-90N), & BEDMAP (66S-79S). Modifications to encourage more realistic flow.
- Synoptic surface forcing from 01/79-12/98.
- KPP mixed layer
- Biharmonic mixing, 6.3 min. time step
- Source code: <http://climate.acl.lanl.gov>
- IBM SP3 @ NAVO: 500 procs. -44 model days/wallclock days
- Evaluate boundary currents, transports, overflows, water mass characteristics, energy levels.

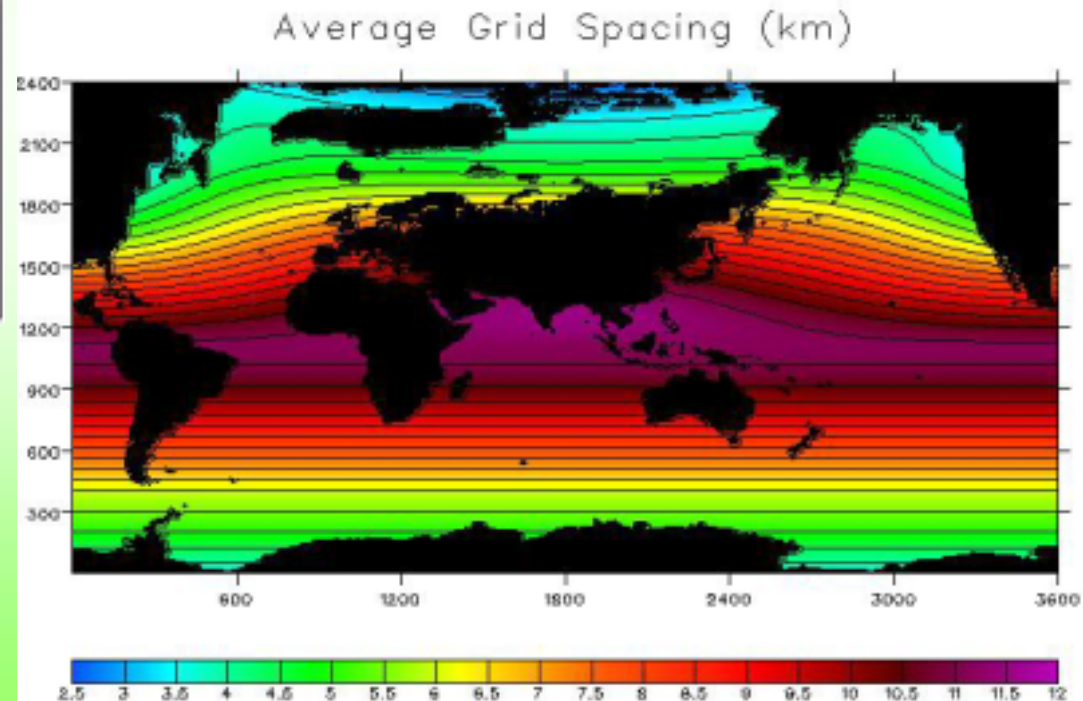
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# Fully Global Displaced North Pole Grid



Pole is rotated into Hudson Bay to avoid polar singularity. Highest horizontal resolution off east and west coasts of the U.S

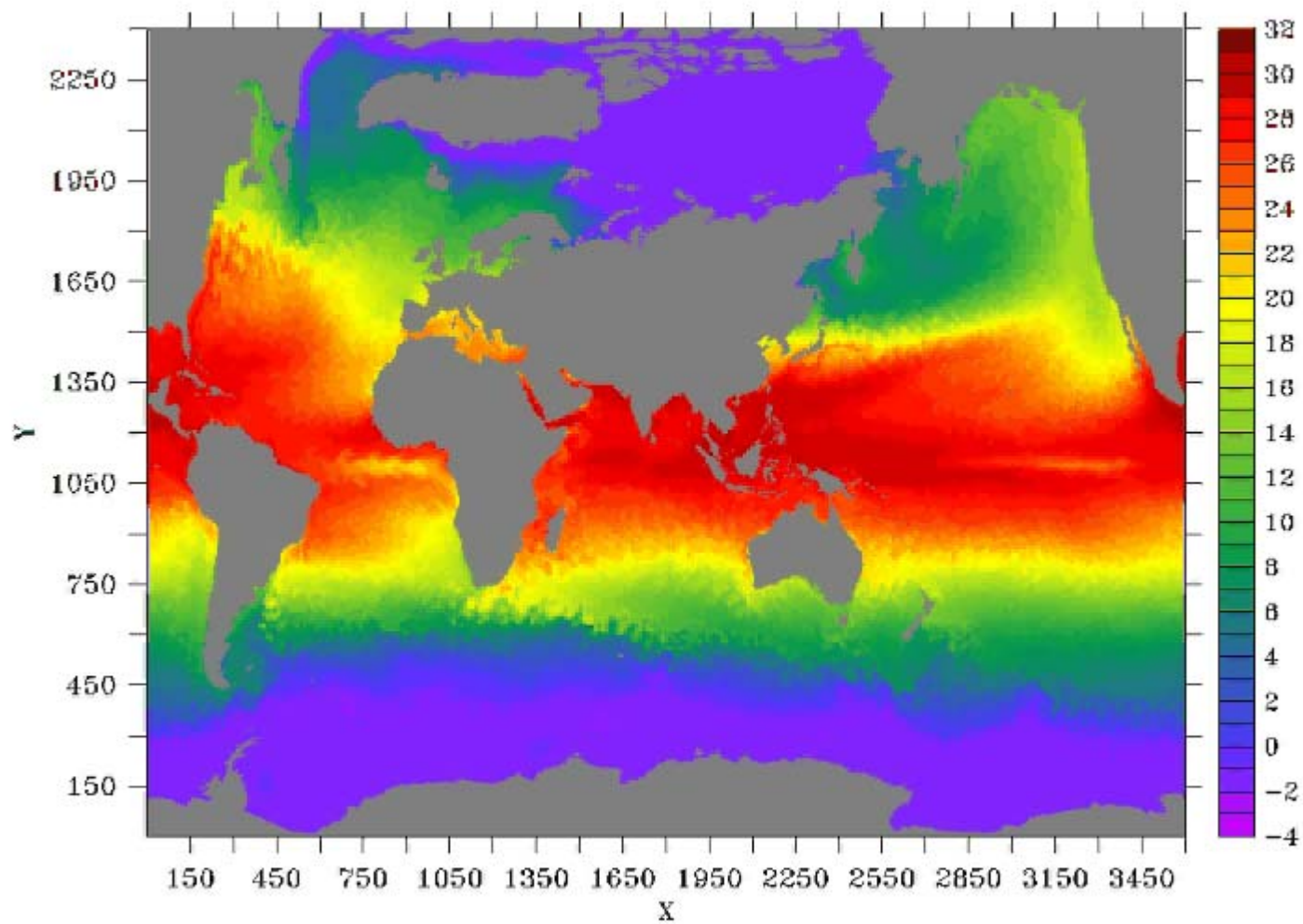
Average grid spacing is 12 km to 2.5 km





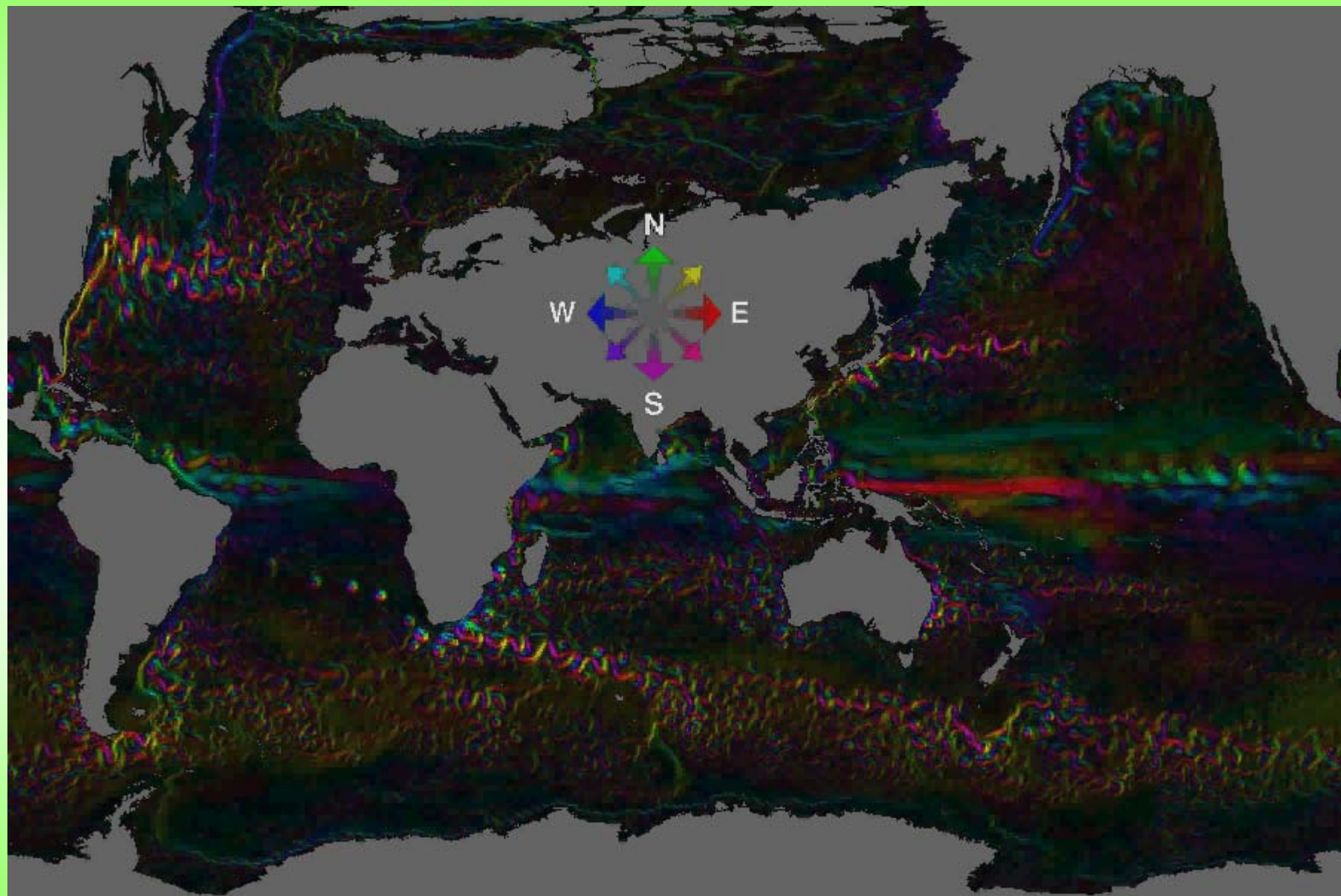
# Why such a resource-intensive global ocean model?

- Ocean model must be capable of simulating high-frequency (days to several months) and short-scale processes (10-1000 km). Particularly, the mean and varying surface/thermocline flows and thermohaline structure of upper-ocean.
- High vertical and horizontal resolution are required to produce mesoscale variability and strong, narrow mean currents such as the Gulf Stream.

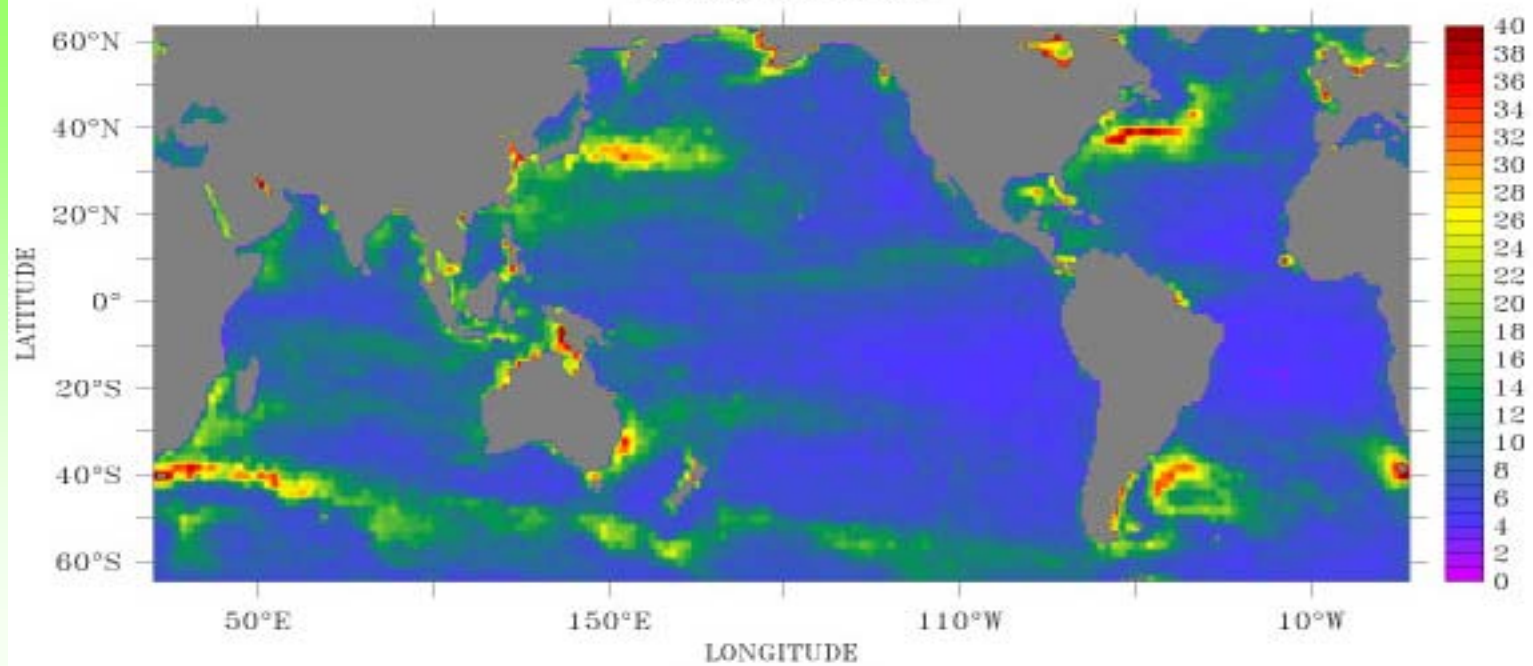


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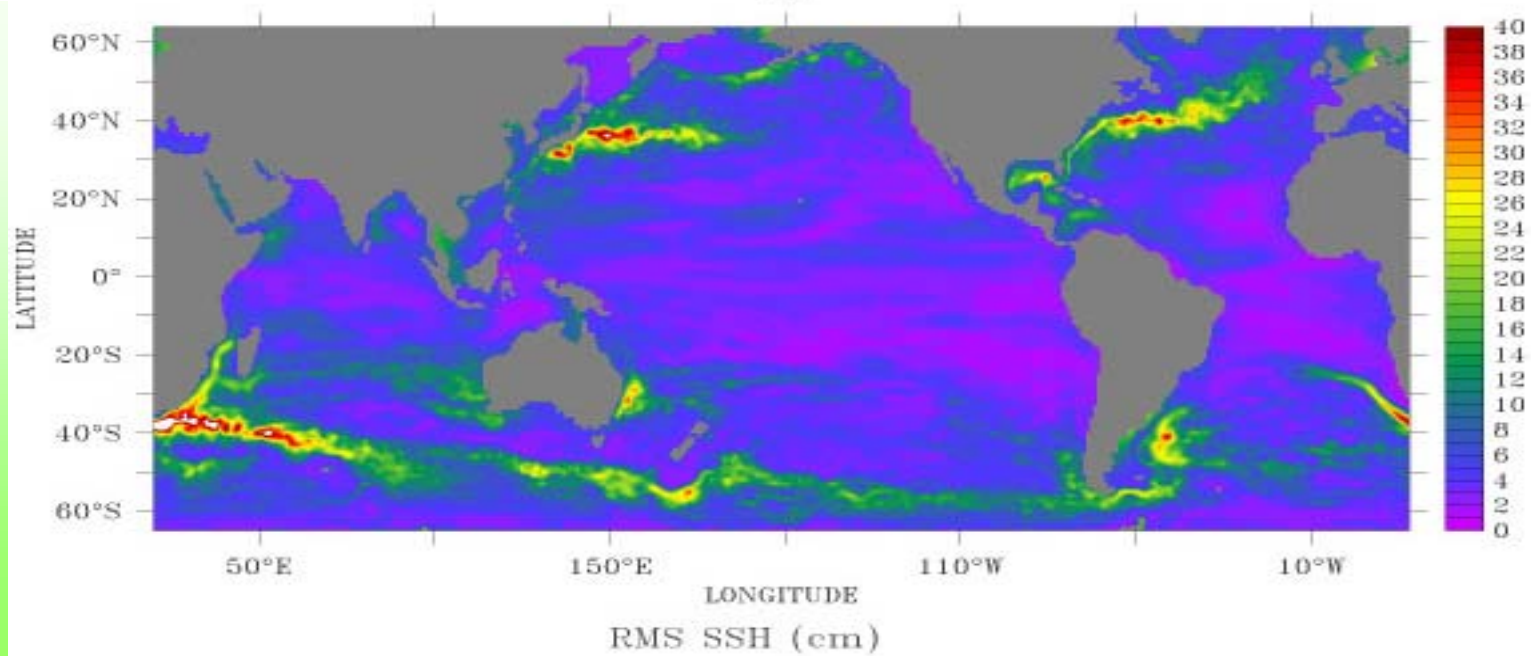




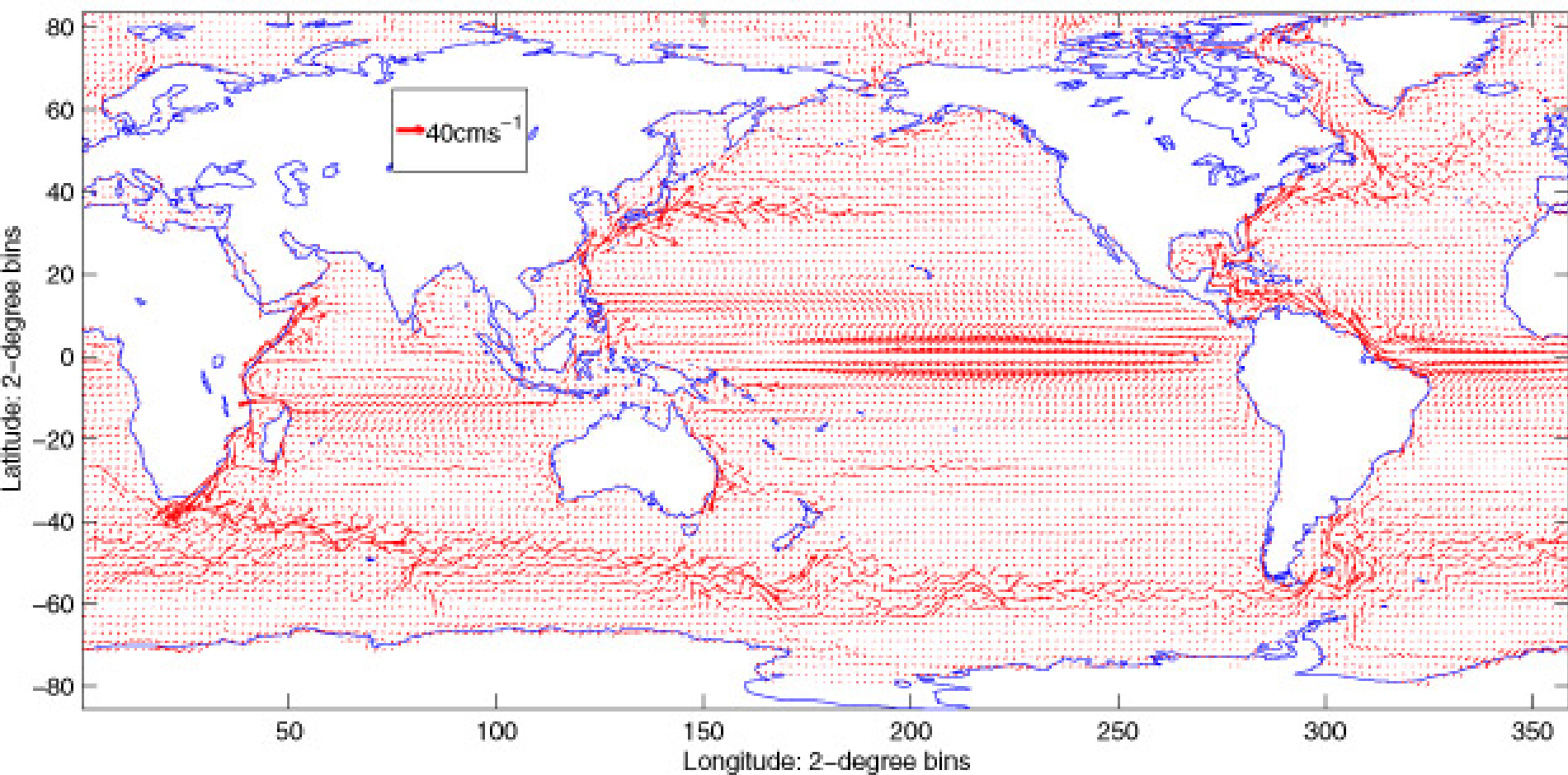
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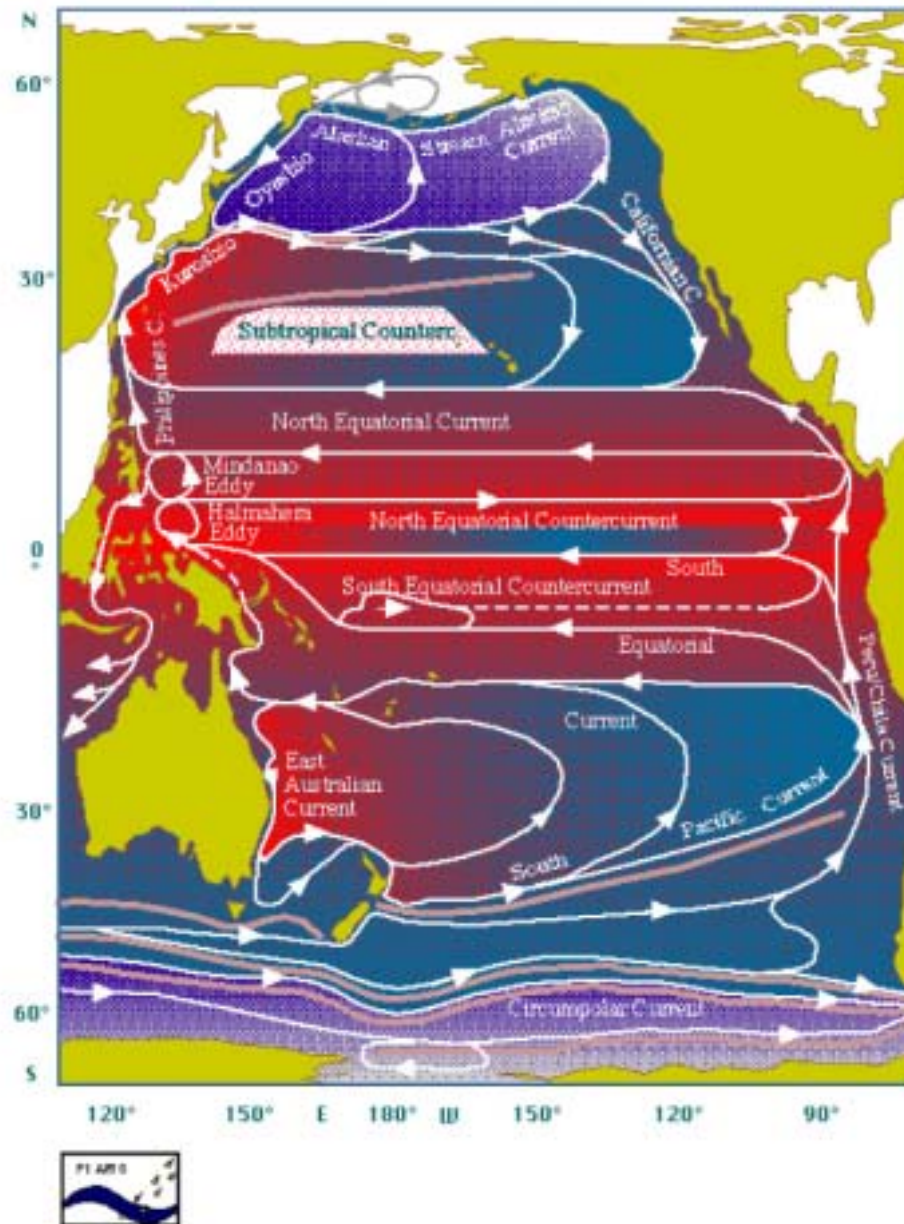


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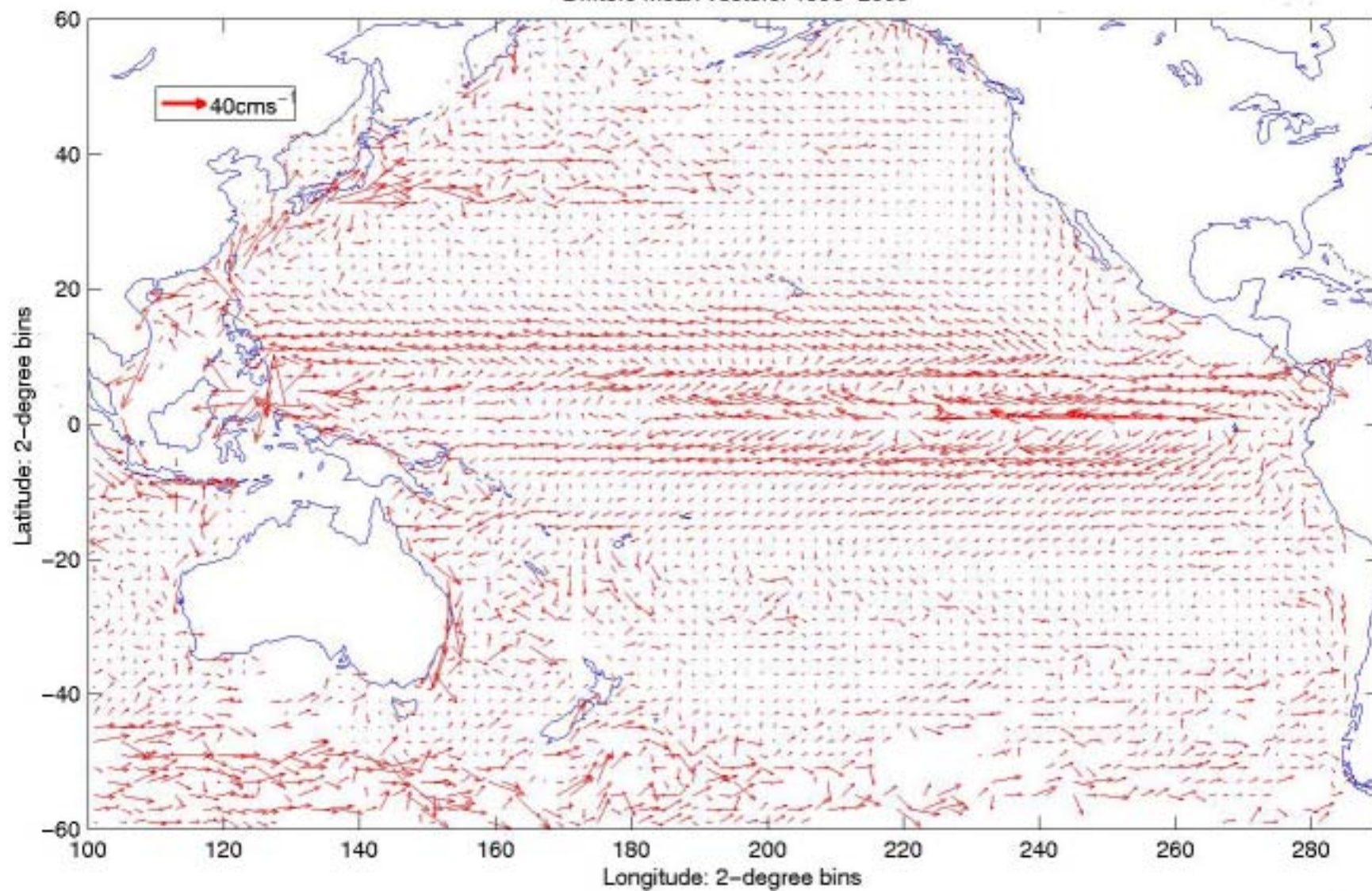


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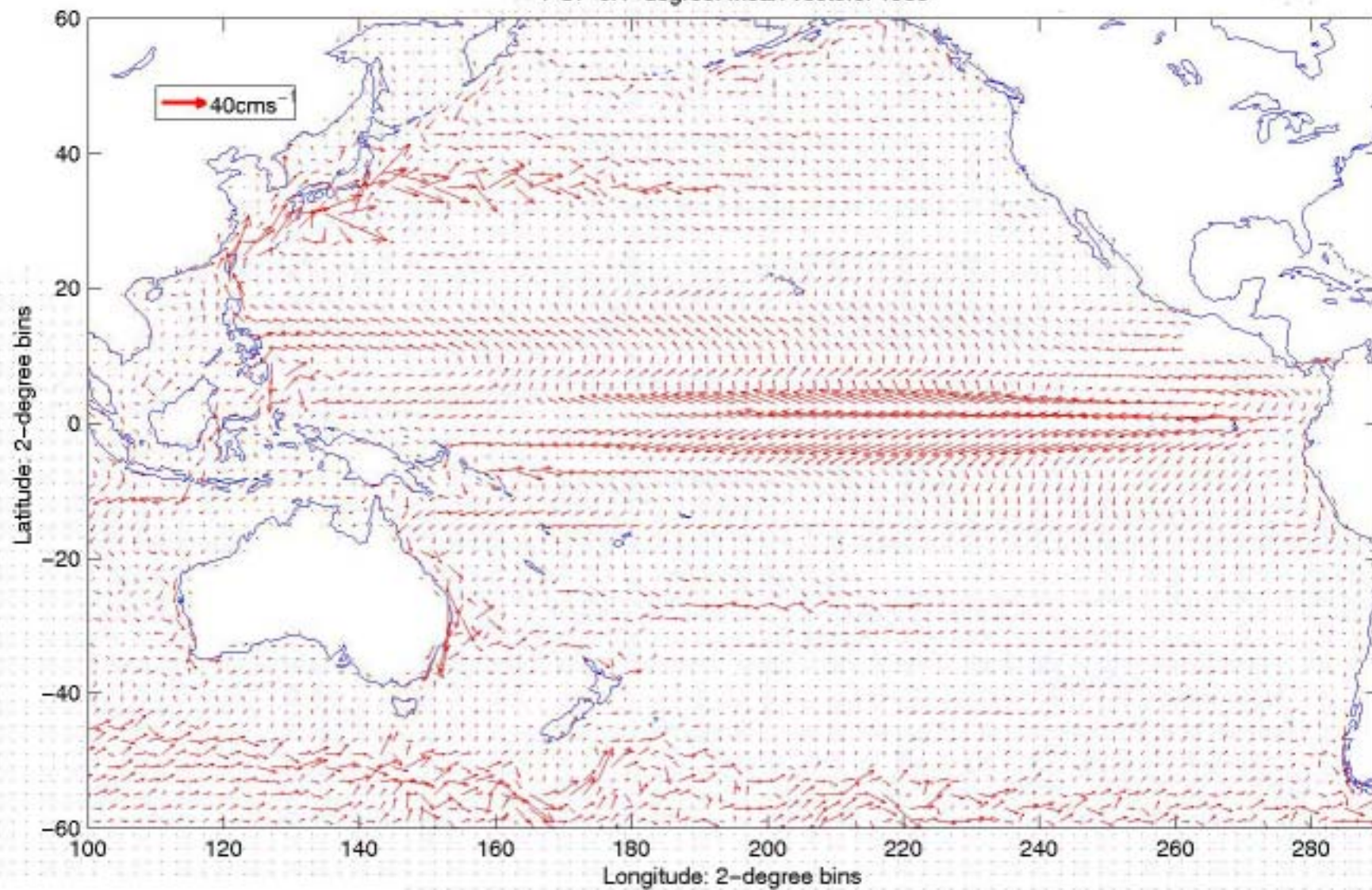
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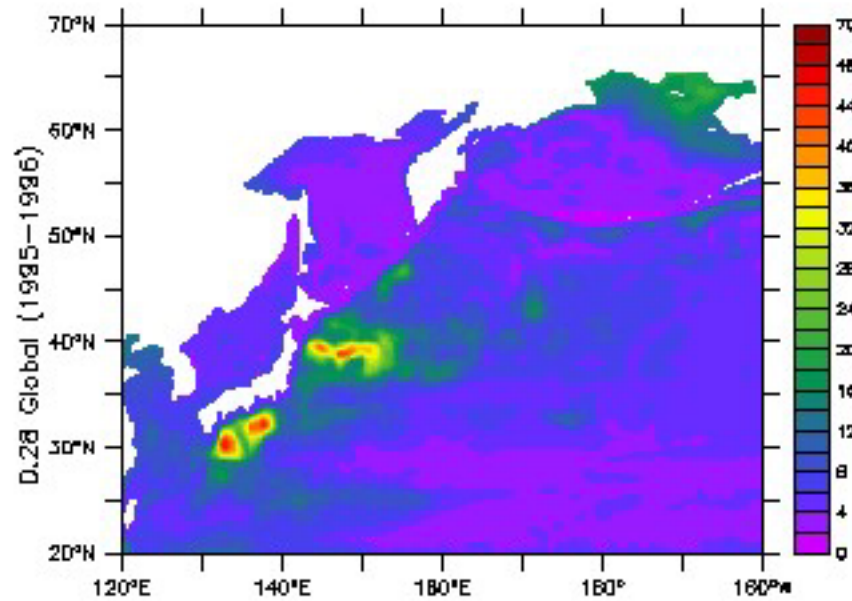
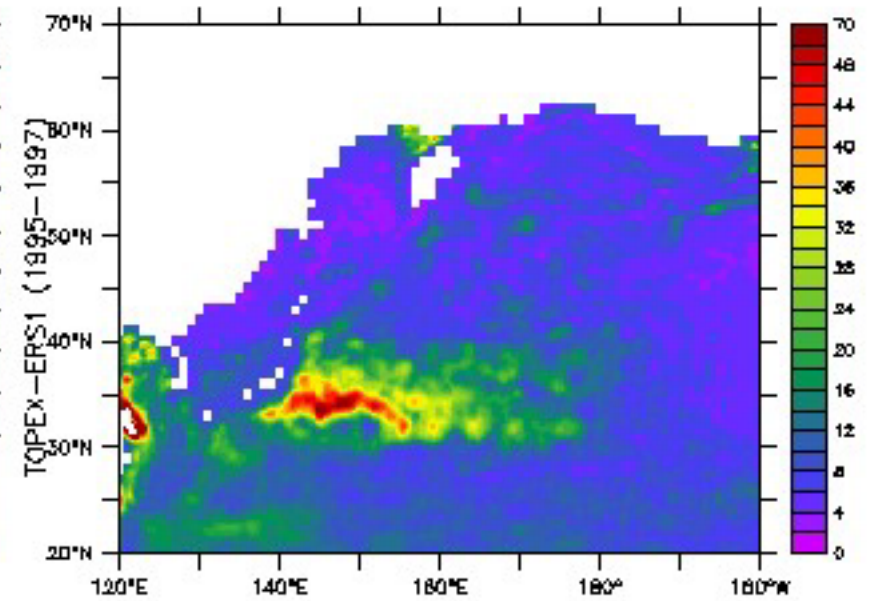
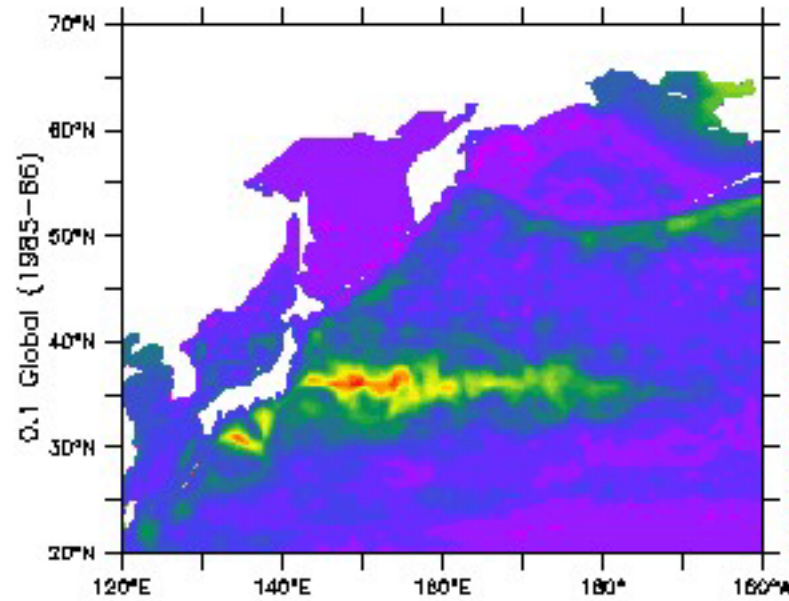


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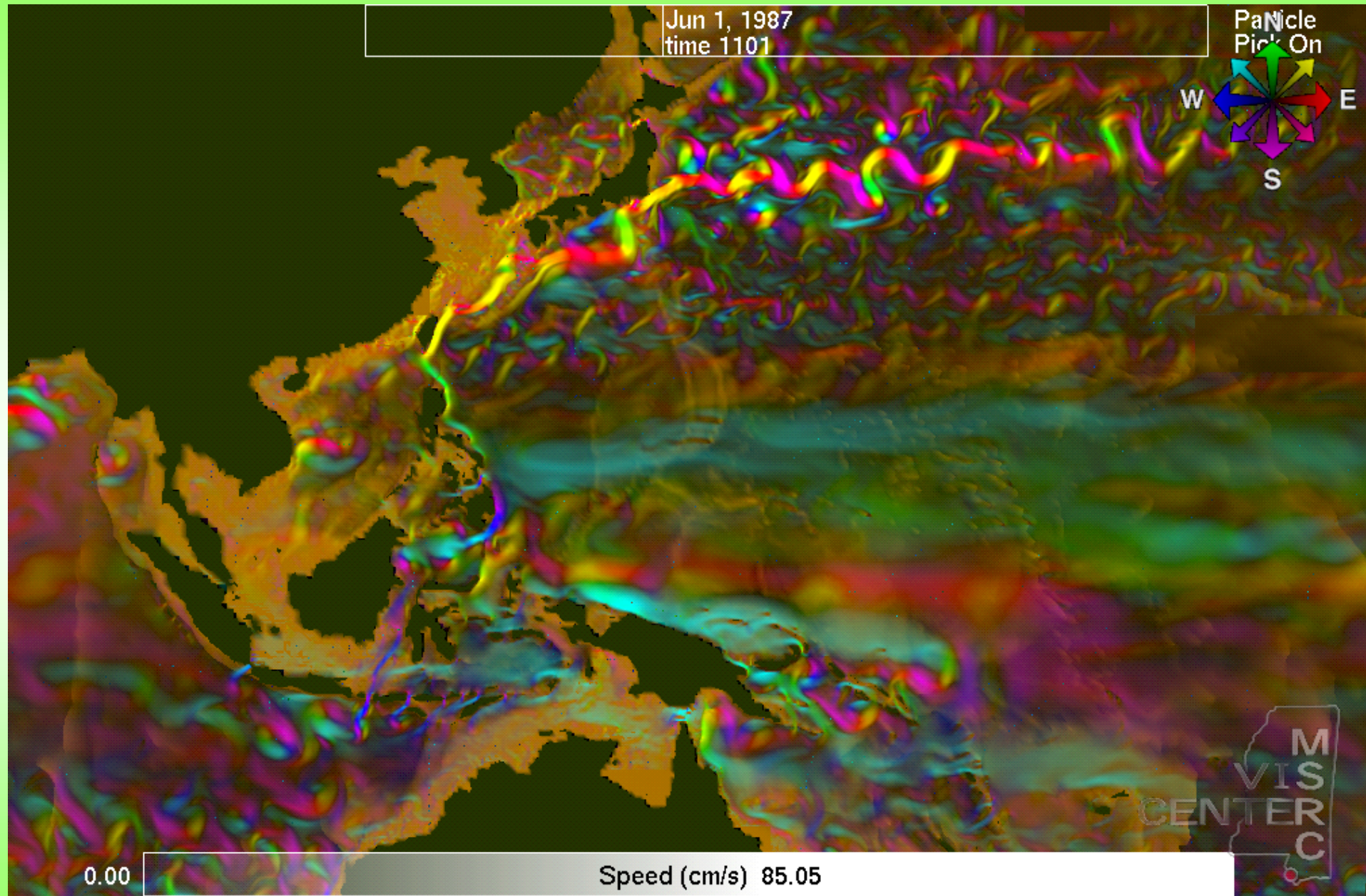


# Sea Surface Height Variability (cm)



Jun 1, 1987  
time 1101

Particle  
Pick On



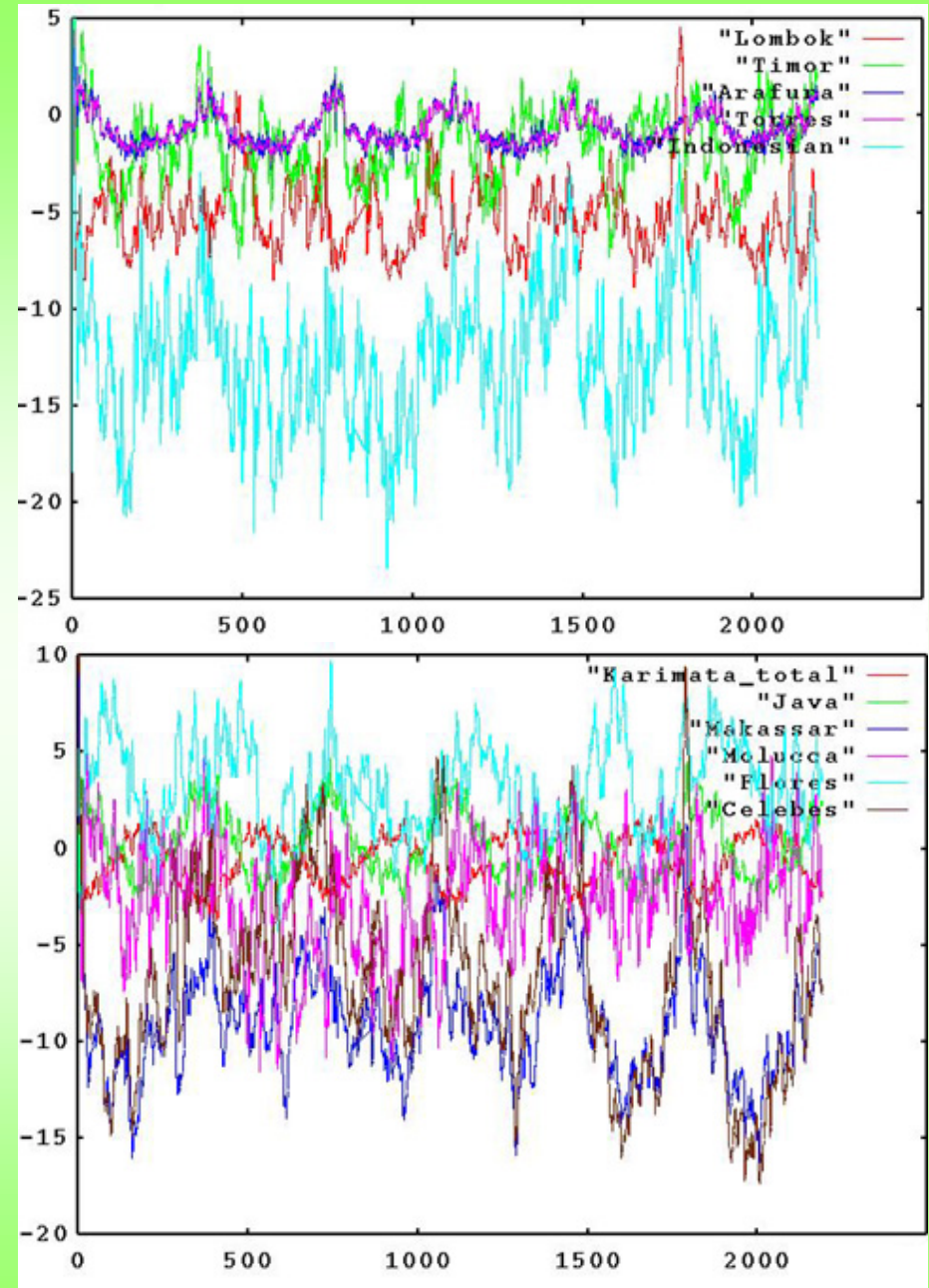
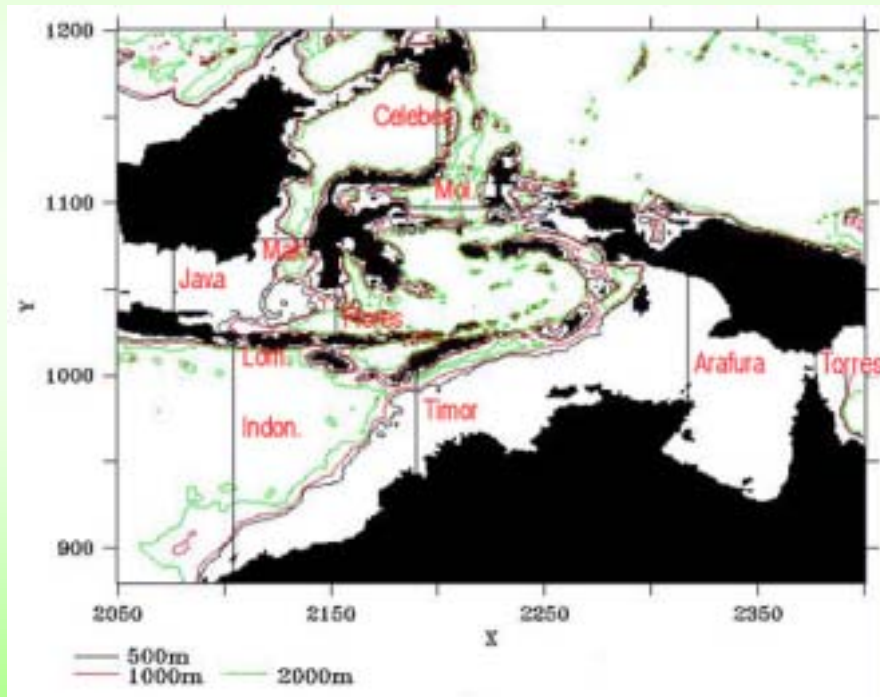
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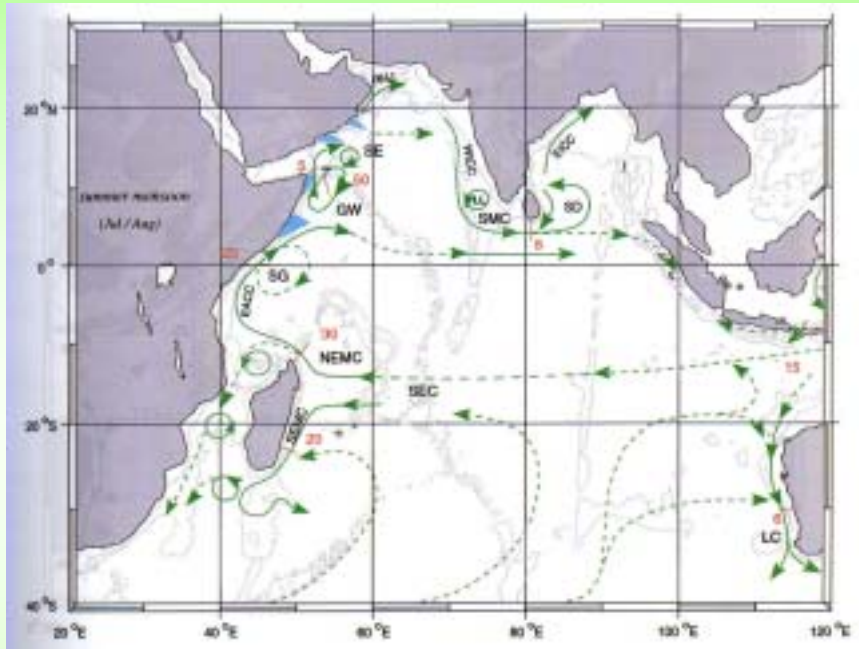




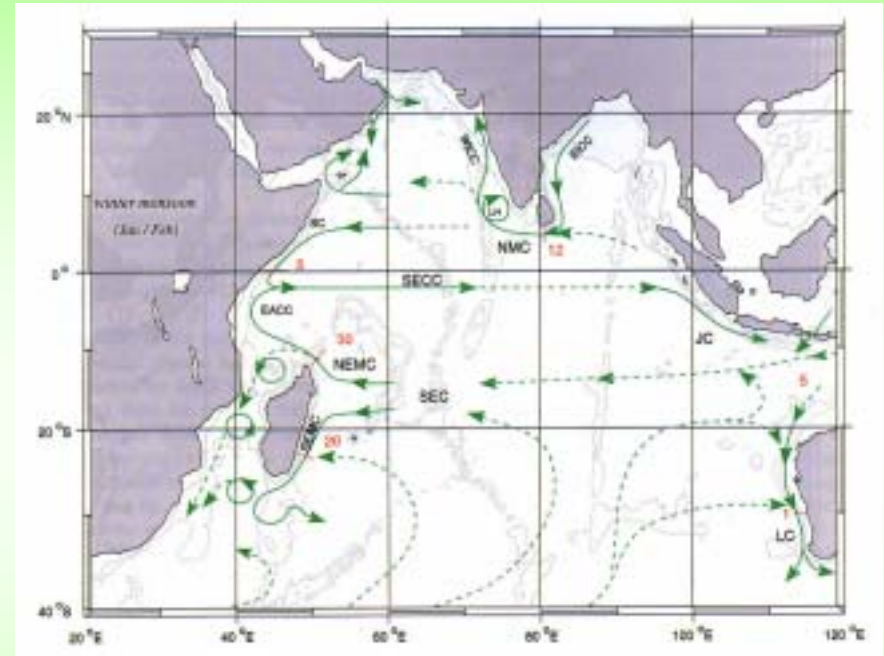
Mass Transports (Sv) through  
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## Southwest Monsoon



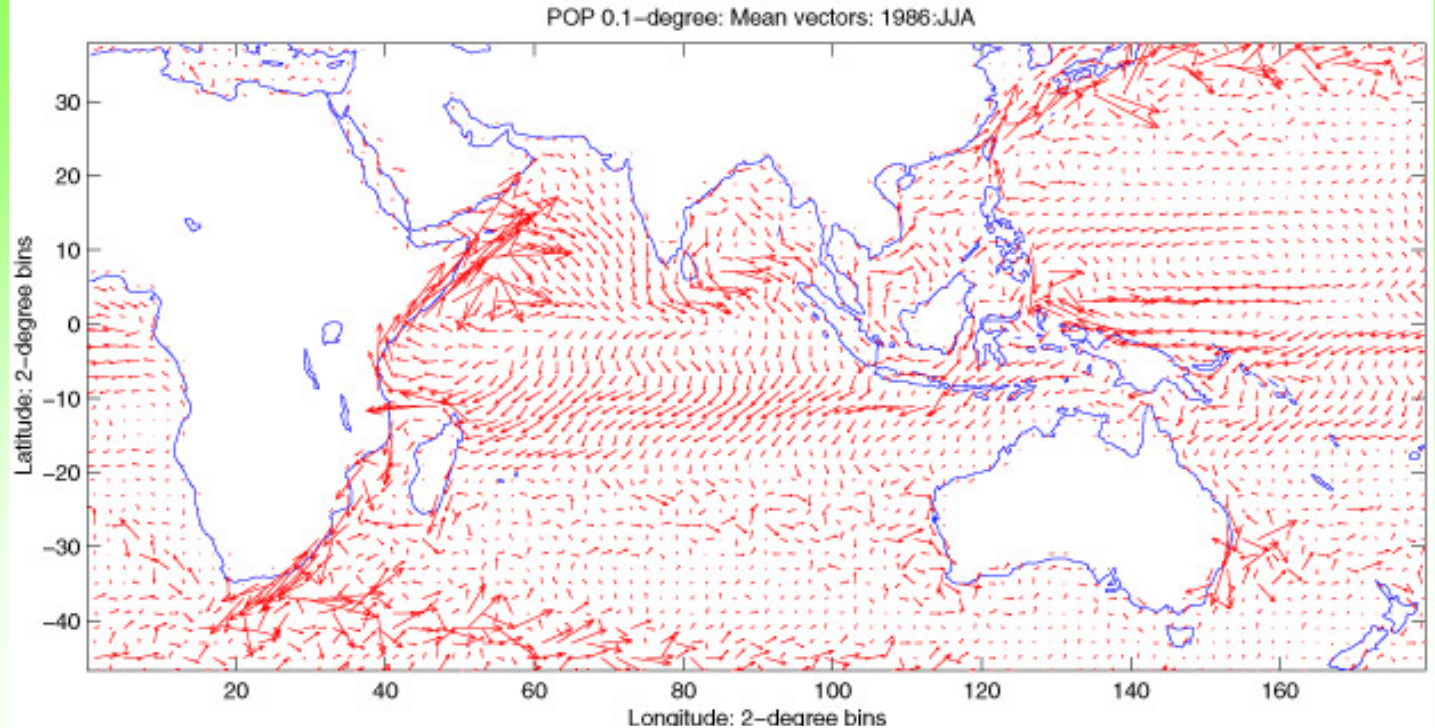
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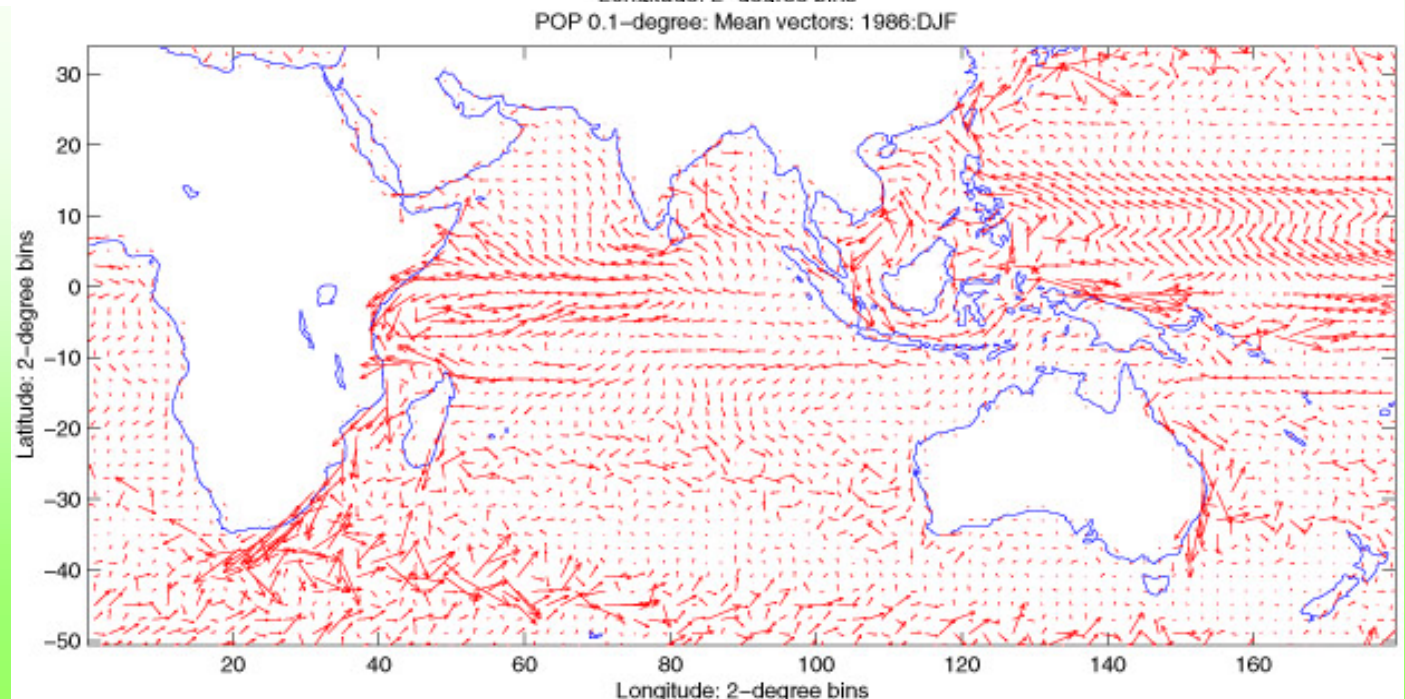
Schott and McCreary, 2001



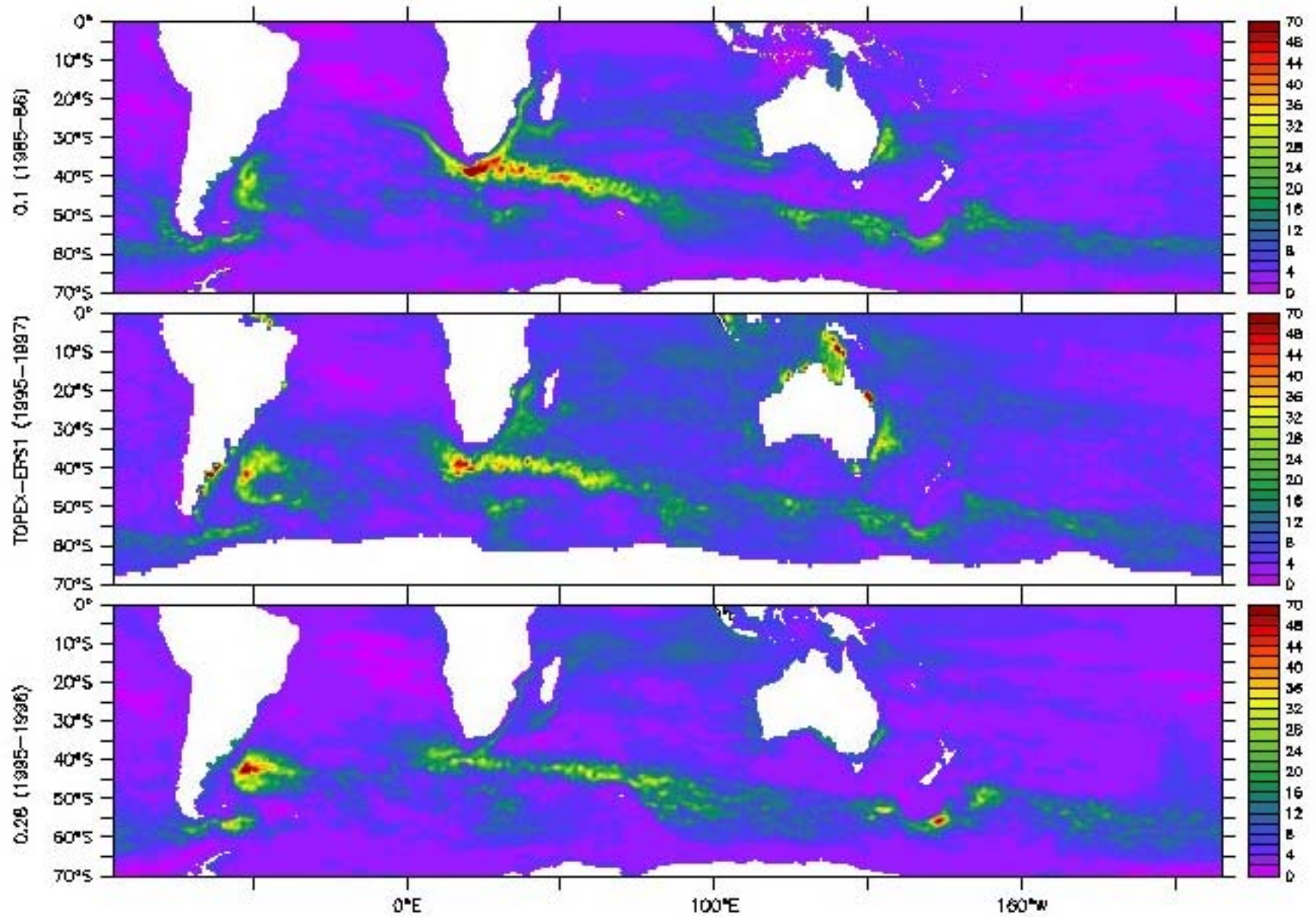
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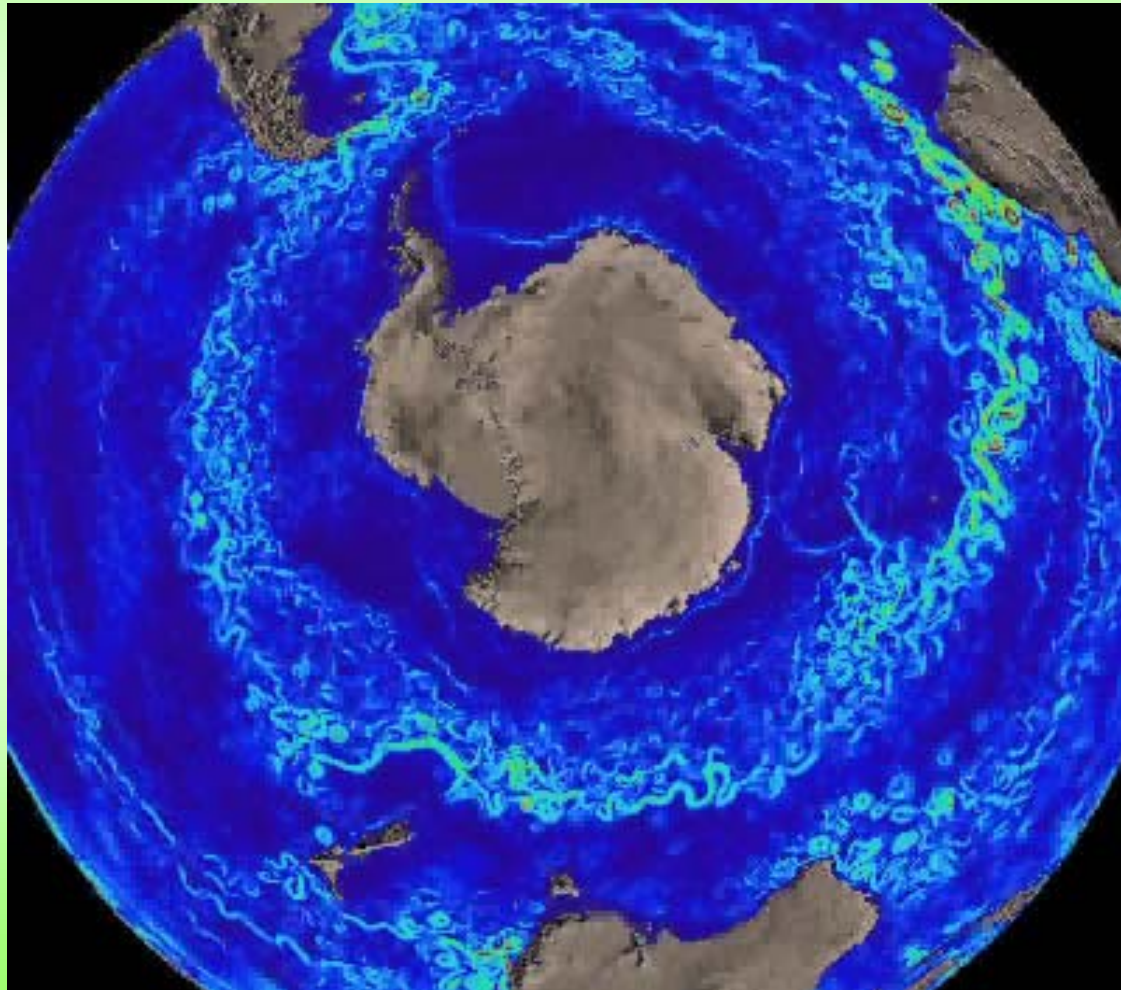


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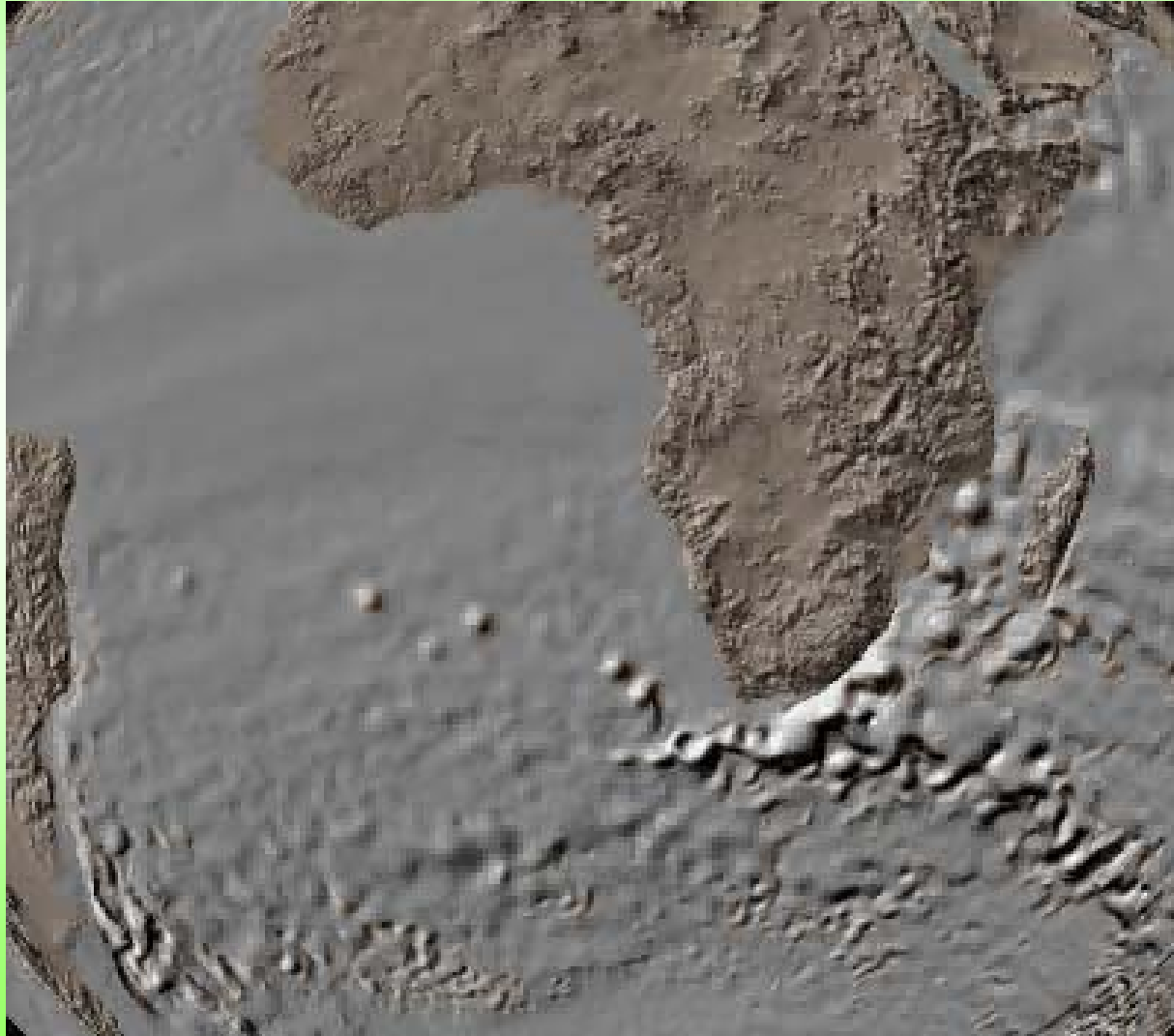




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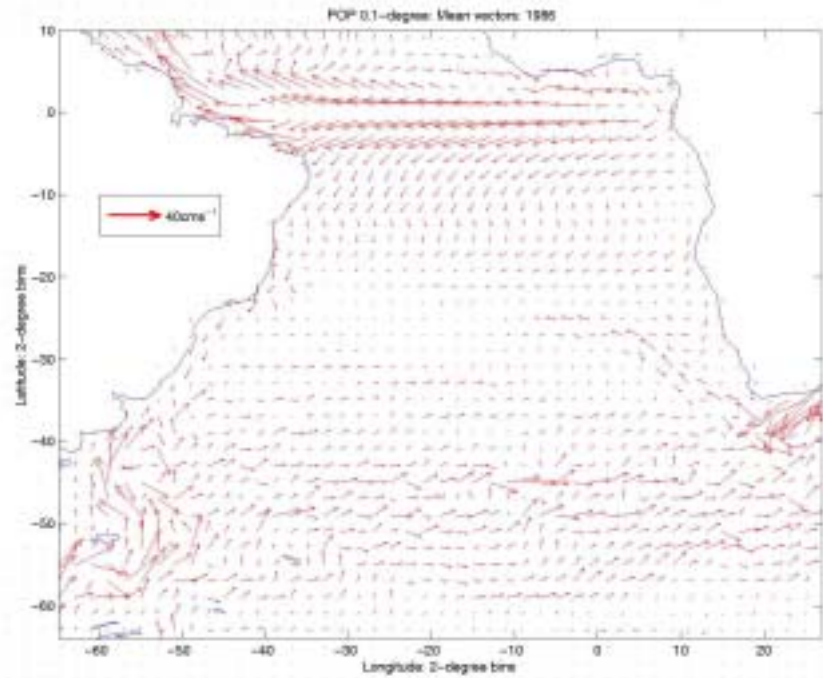
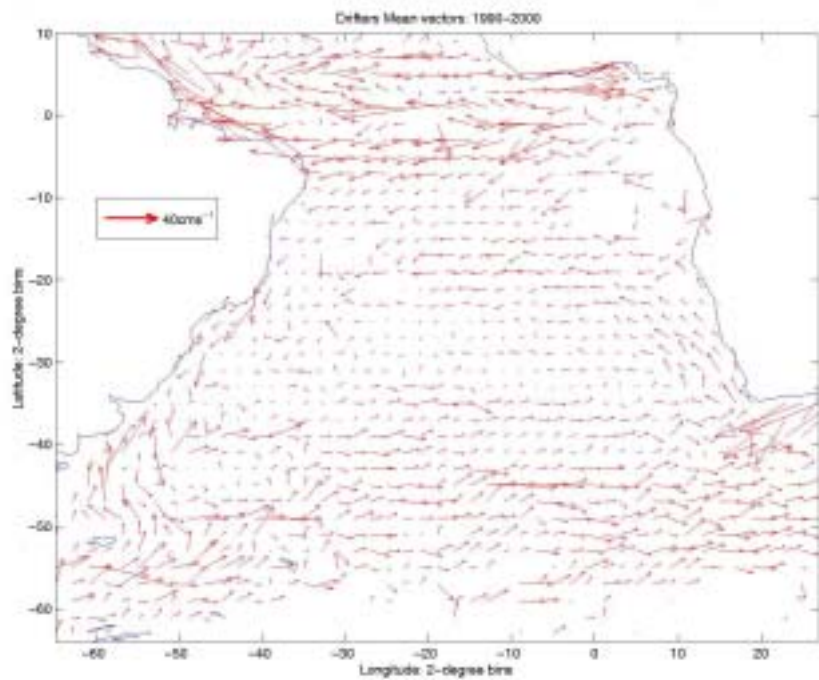
# Sea Surface Height



The map illustrates the Atlantic Ocean's major ocean currents. The Gulf Stream flows from the Gulf of Mexico along the eastern coast of North America. The North Atlantic Current continues from the Gulf Stream towards Europe. The Loop Current is located in the Gulf of Mexico. The Caribbean Current flows along the northern coast of South America. The North Equatorial Current flows from the west towards the equator. The South Equatorial Current flows from the west towards the equator. The Brazil Current flows from the equator towards the south along the eastern coast of South America. The South Atlantic Current flows from the equator towards the south along the western coast of Africa. The equatorial countercurrent flows from the east towards the west along the equator. The map also shows the equator and the equatorial countercurrent.

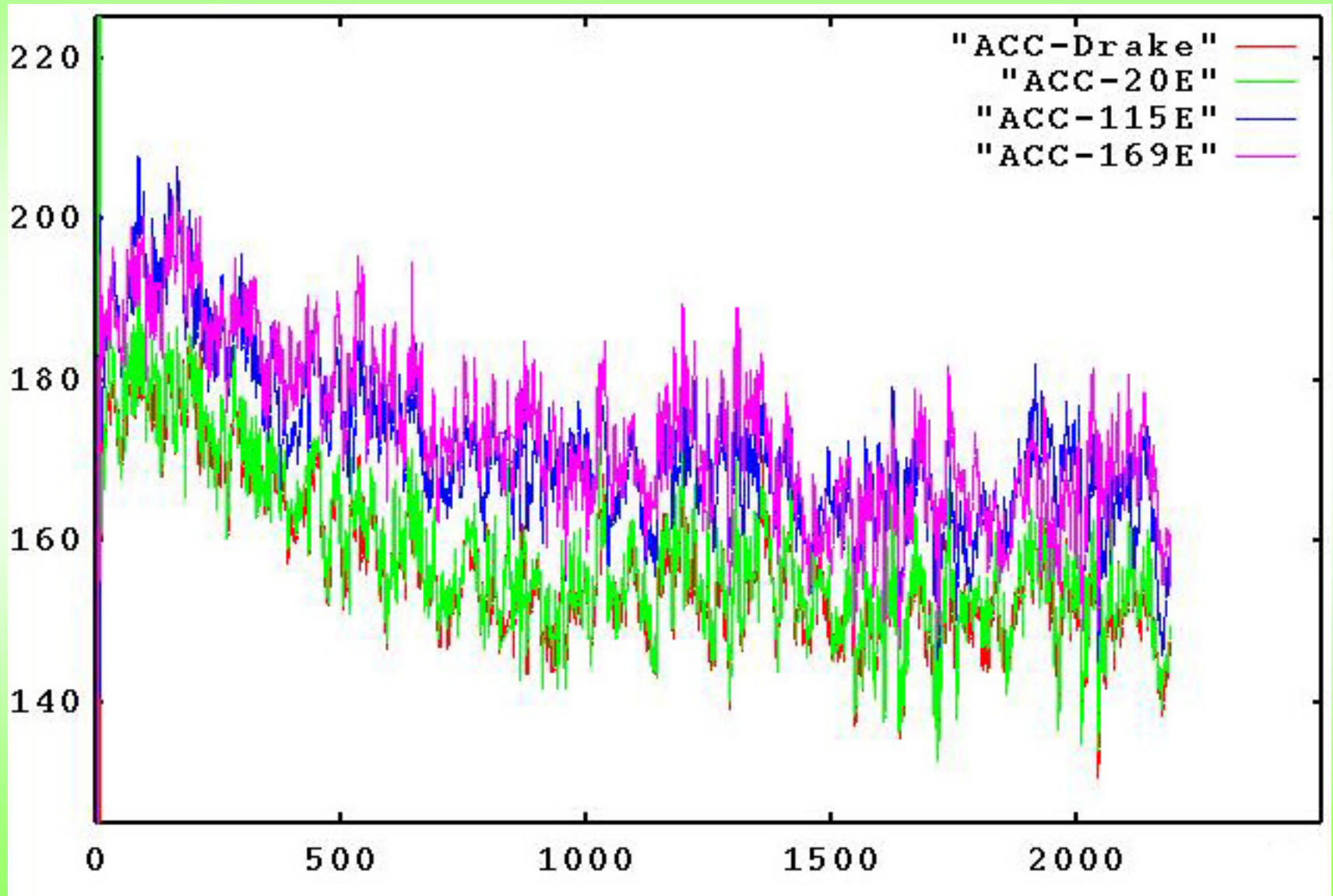


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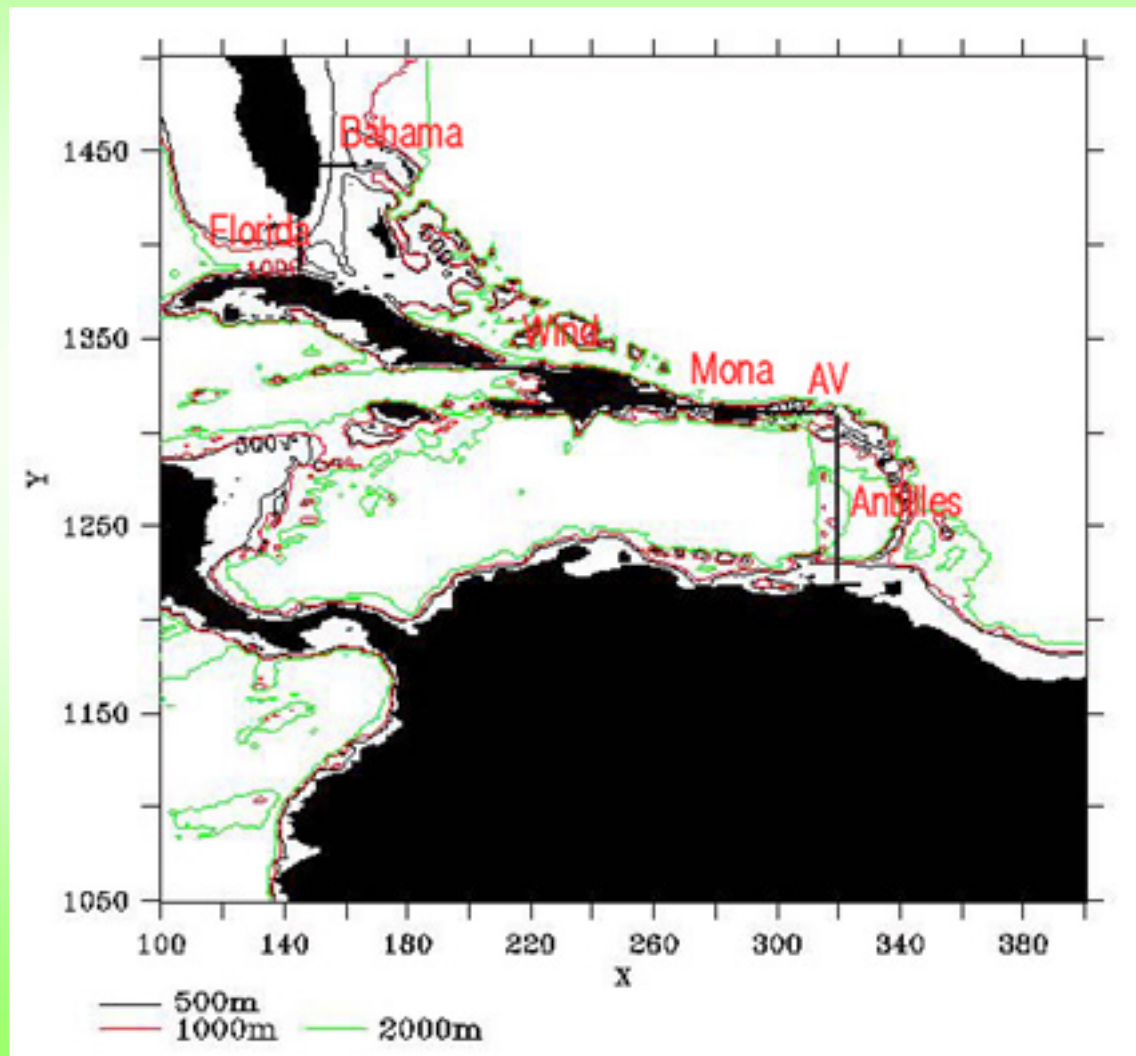




## Mass Transports (Sv) in the Antarctic Circumpolar Current

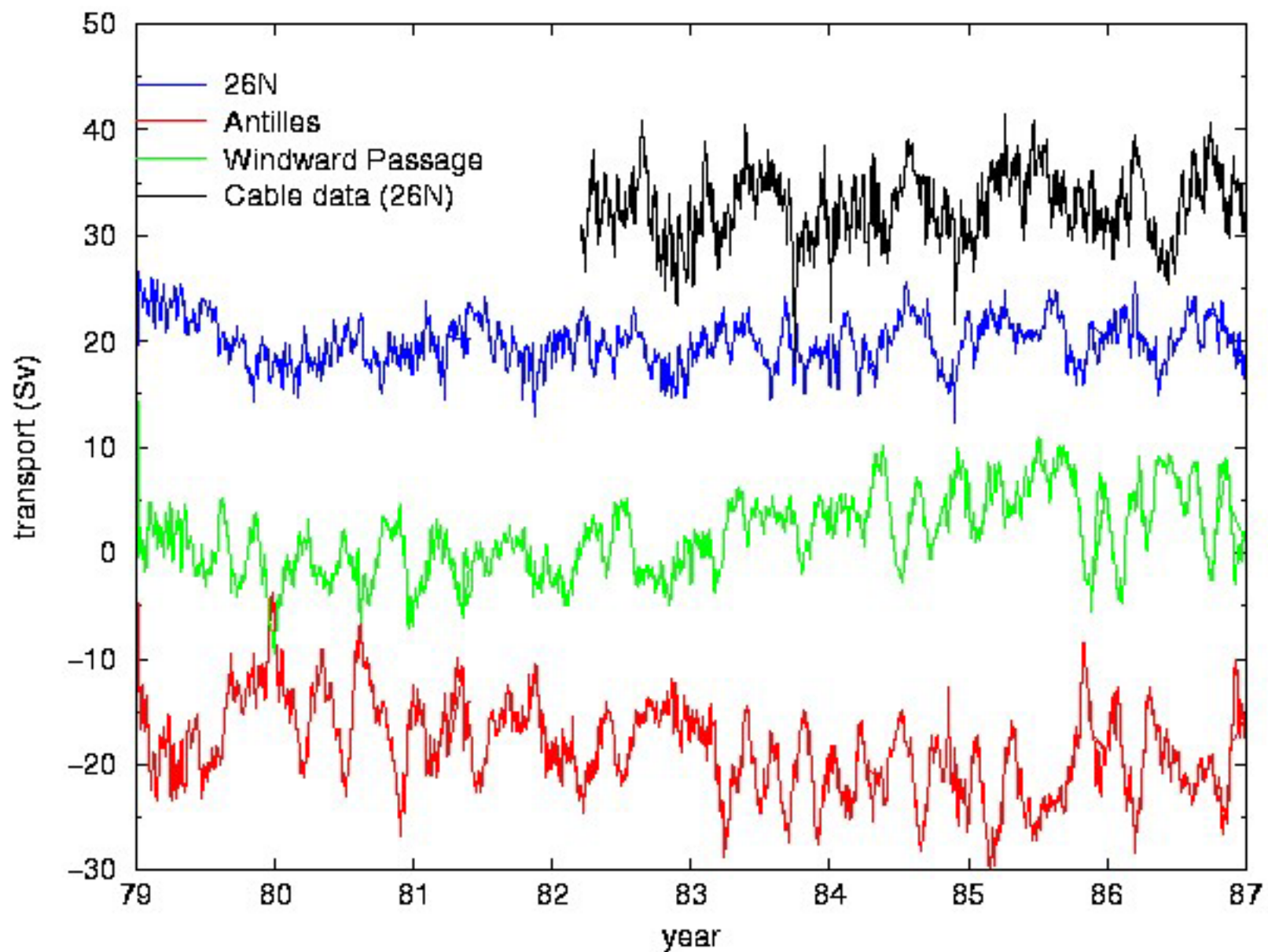


## Mass Transports (Sv) through the Caribbean Sea and Florida Straits for the first 8 years of the spin-up

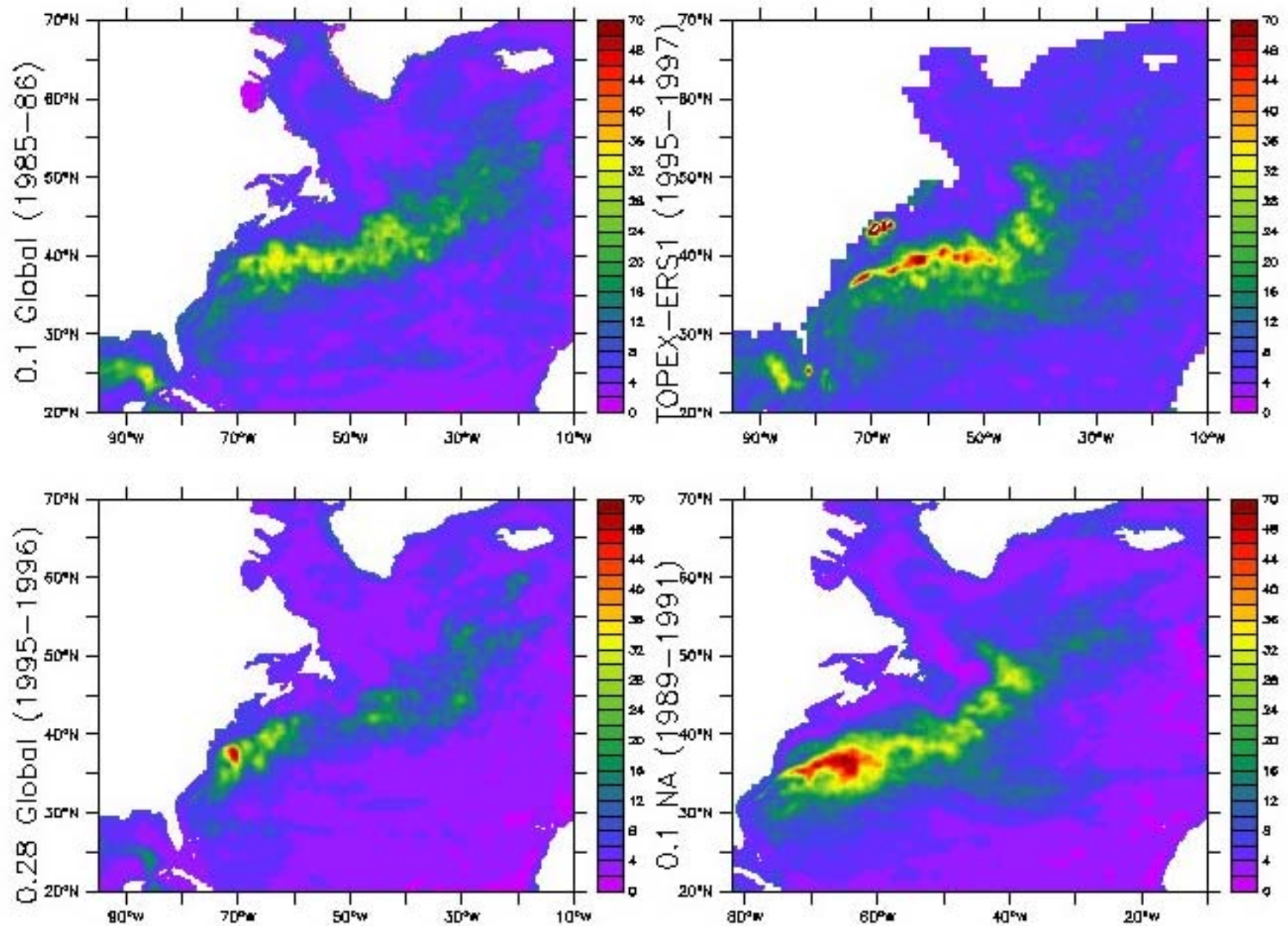




# Caribbean Region Mass Transports

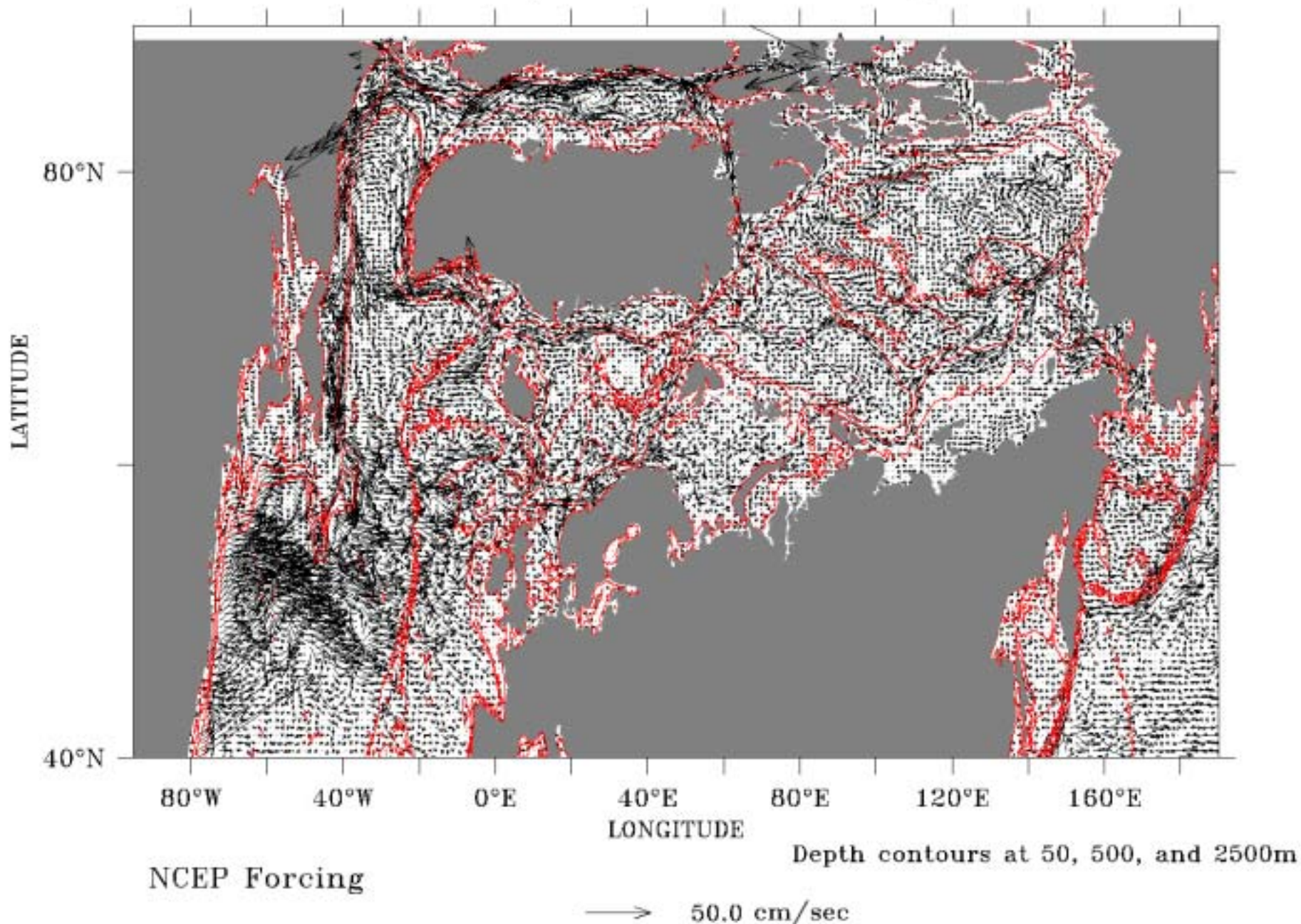


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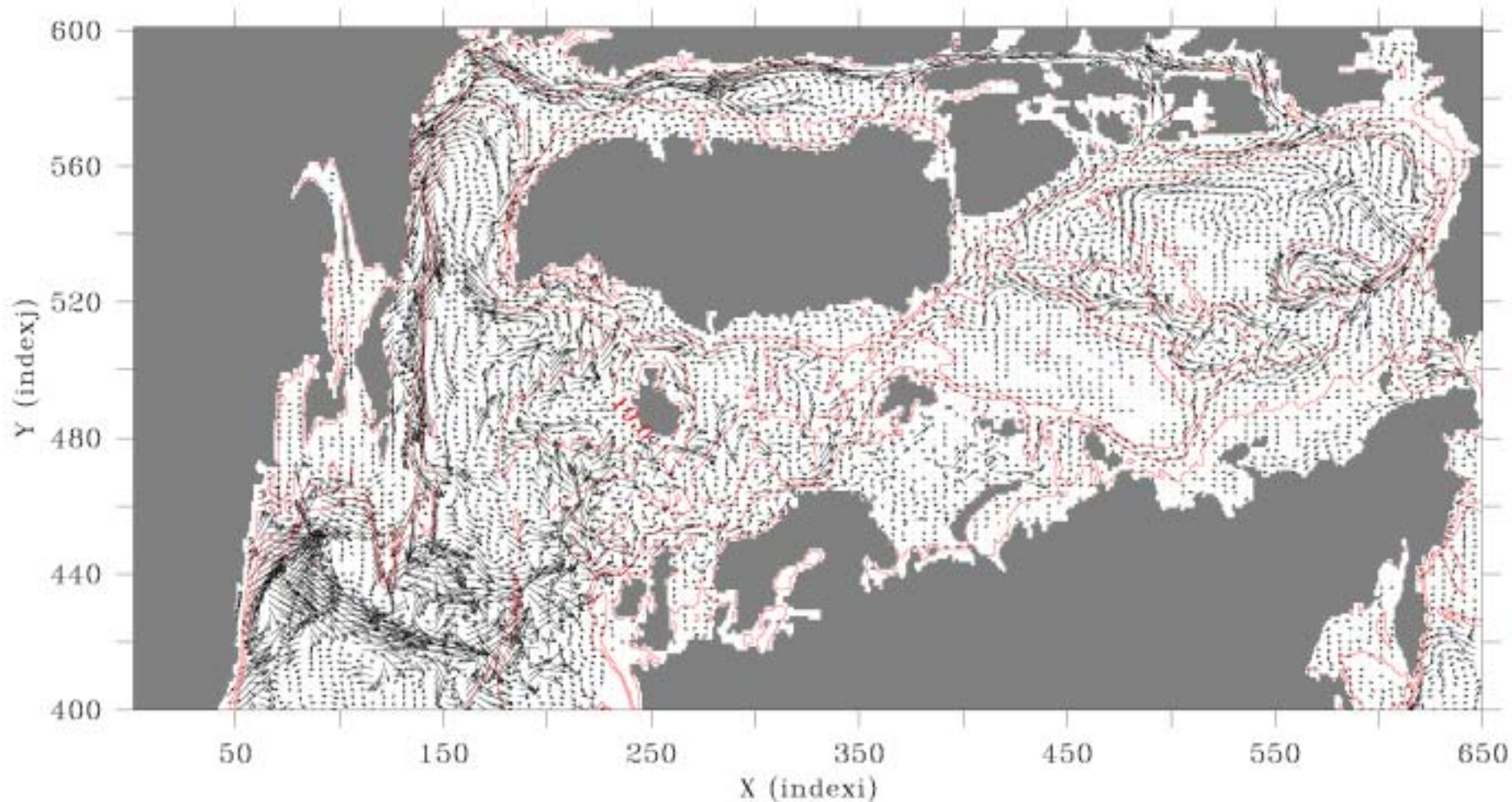




Global POP 0.1, 40-lev, Depth av. velocities top 50 m, 83-85 mean



Global POP 0.4, 40-lev, Depth av. velocities top 50 m, 85 mean



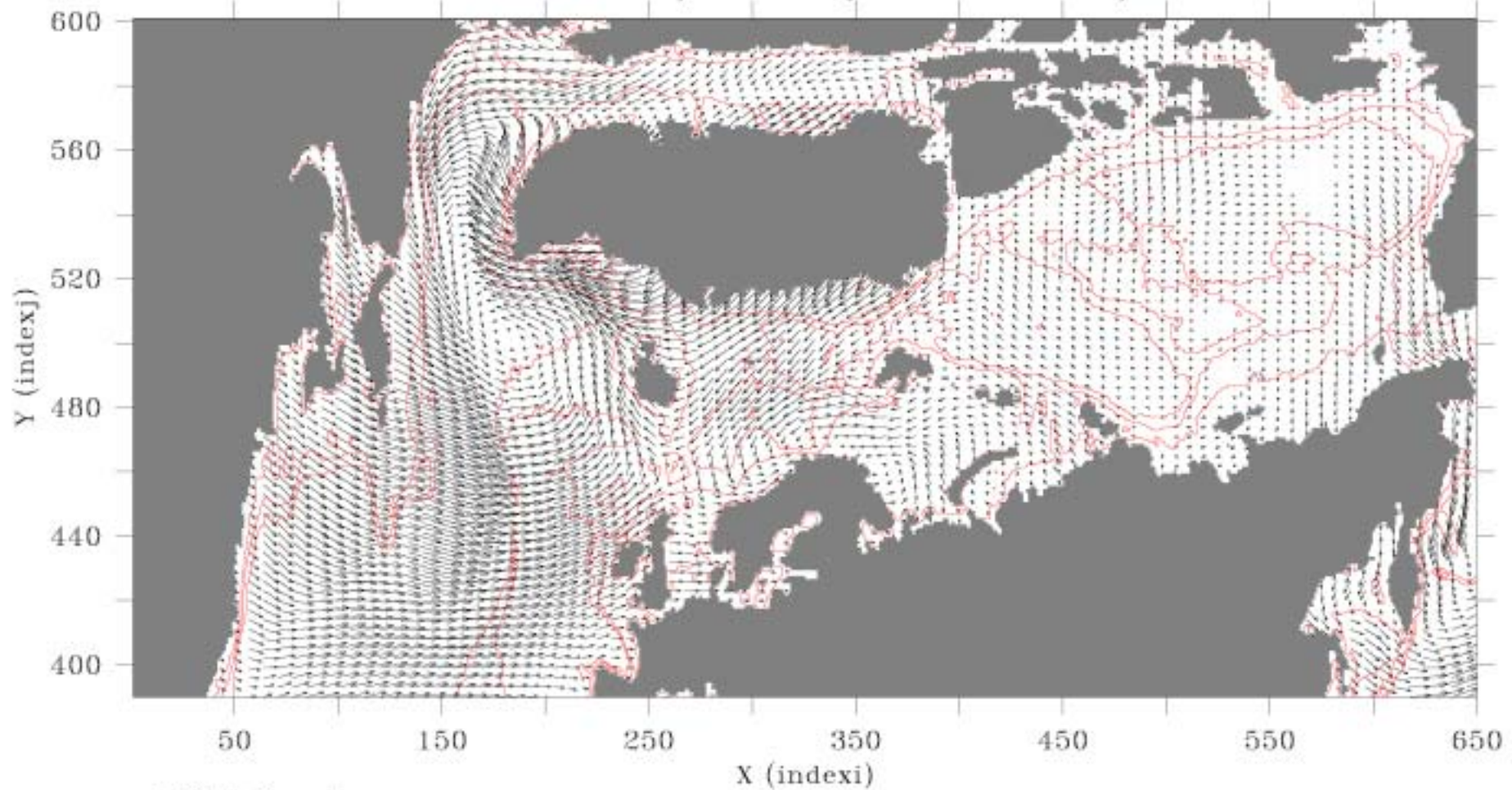
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Depth contours at 50, 500 and 2500m

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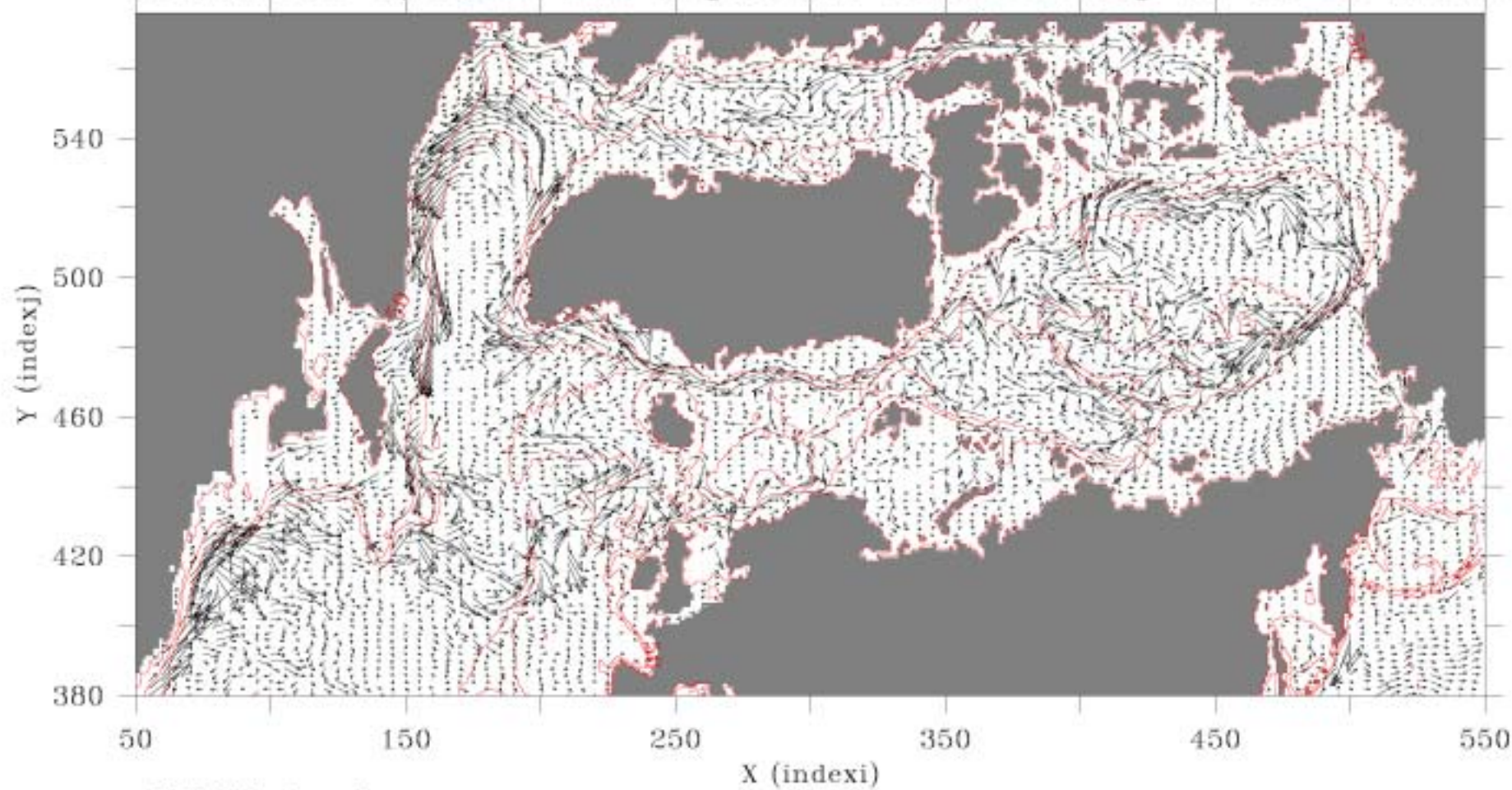


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→ 2.00 dyn/cm<sup>2</sup>

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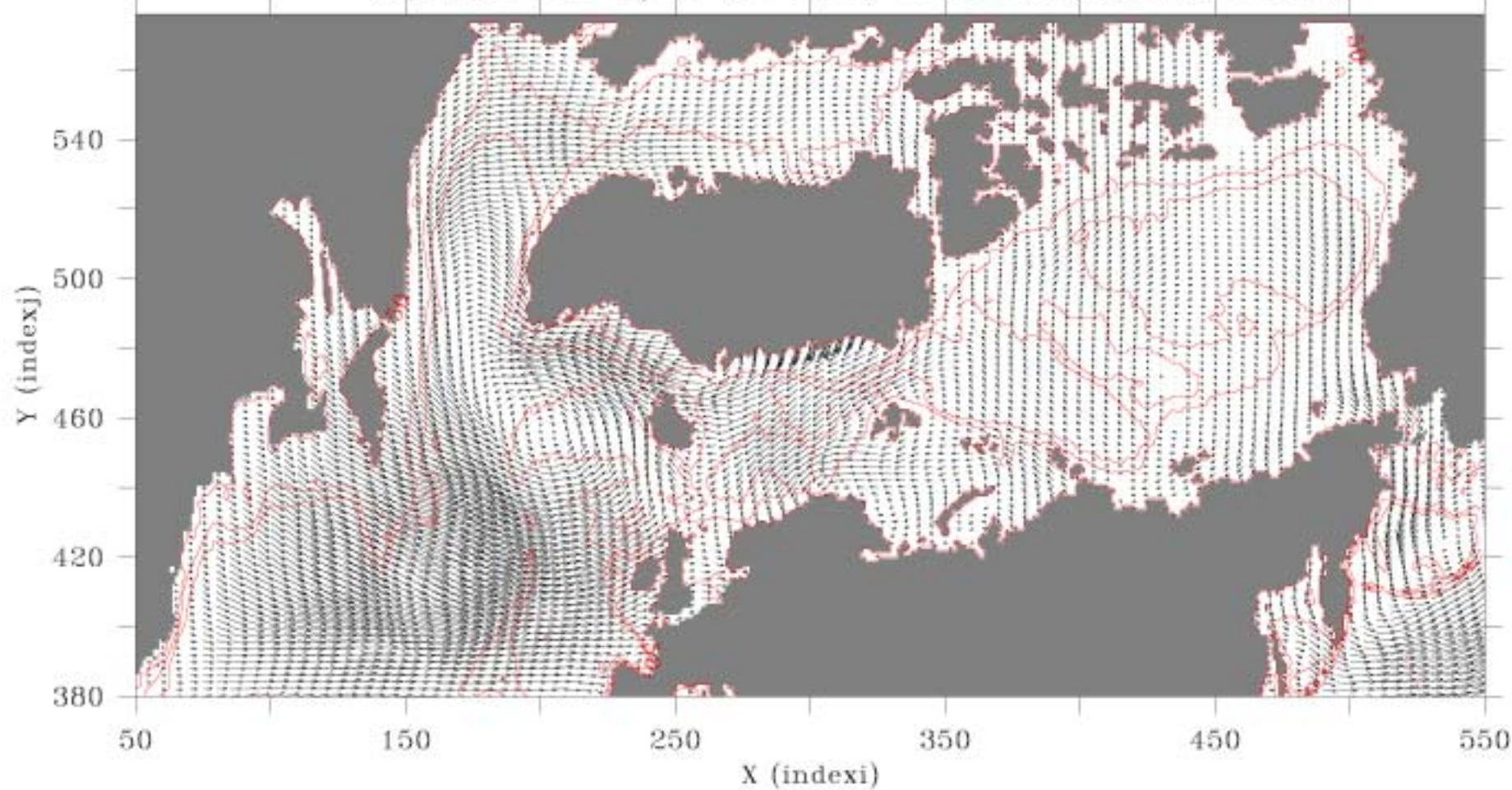
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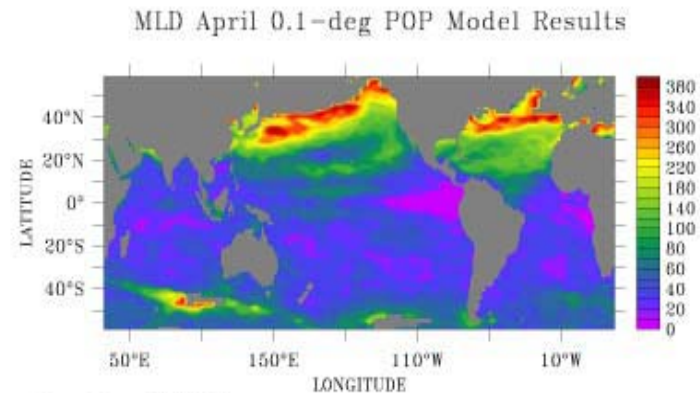
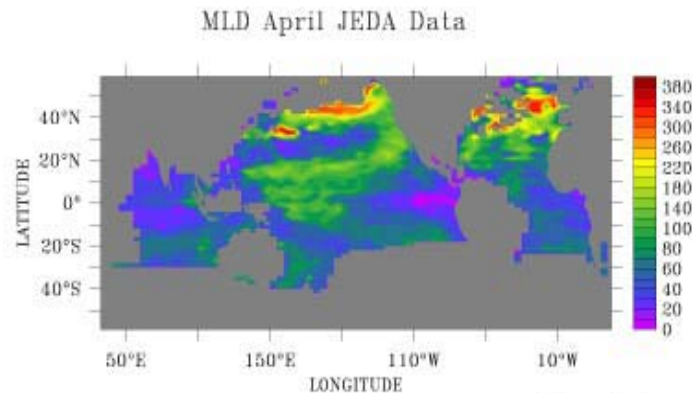
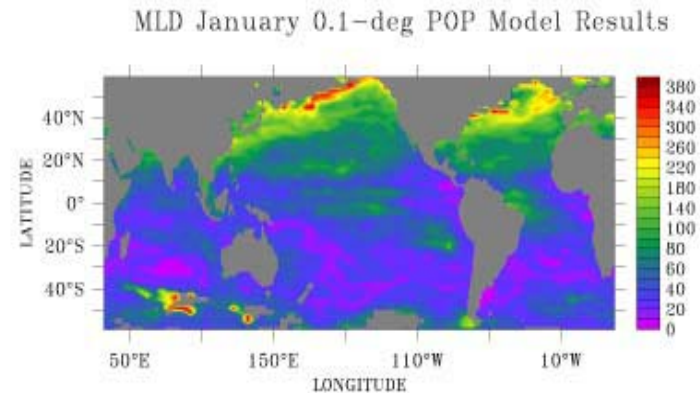
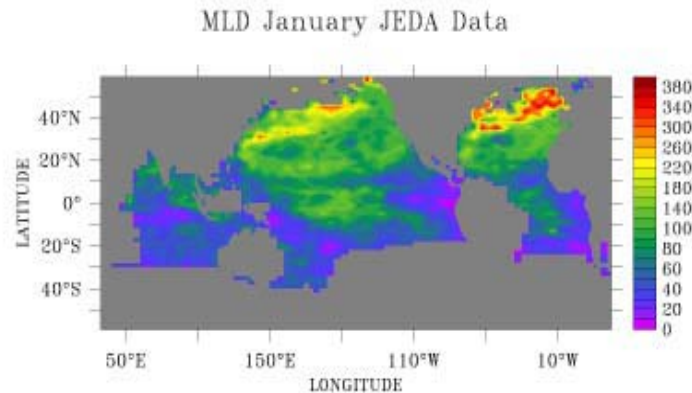
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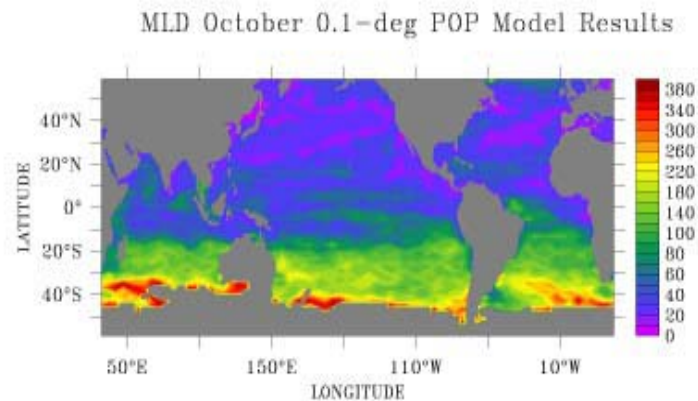
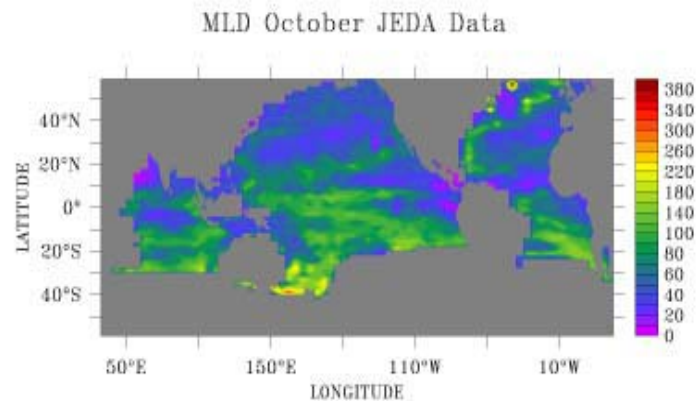
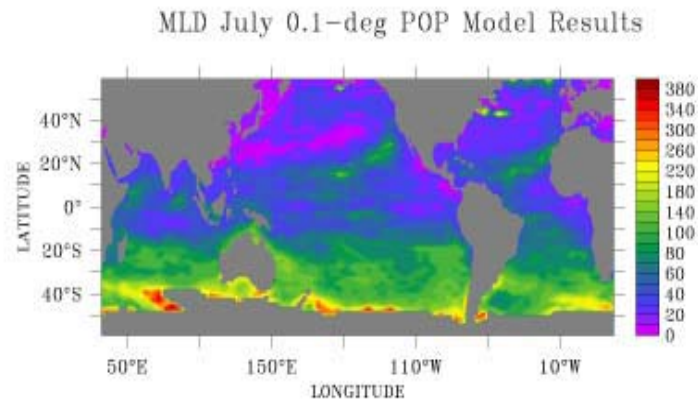
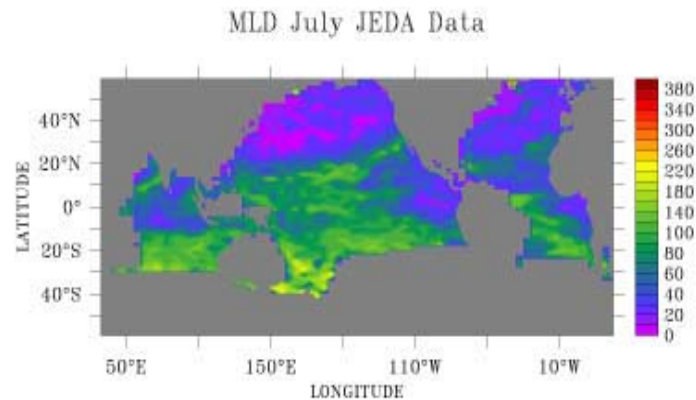
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Mixed Layer Depth, 1984

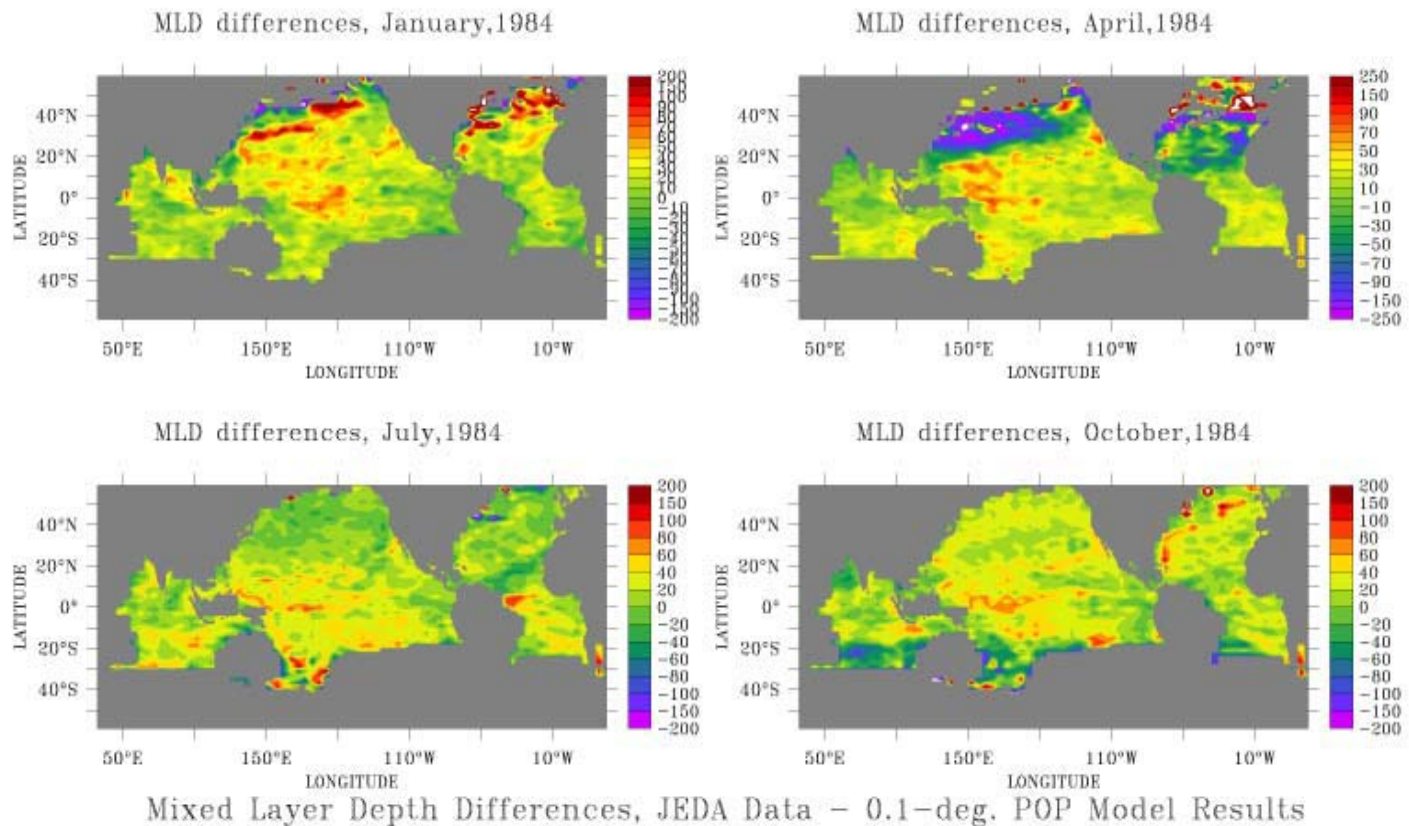
Monthly mixed layer depth (m) from XBT data and POP for January and April of 1984. MLD is depth at which the temperature is 1 degree less than that at 5 m.



Mixed Layer Depth, 1984

Monthly mixed layer depth (m) from XBT data and POP for July and October of 1984.





Difference in MLD between XBT data and POP  
for January, April, July, and October of 1984

# Conclusions

- Mean surface flows are well depicted.
- Energy levels are somewhat too high in energetic flows; still too low in basin interiors.
- Kuroshio, ACC, and EAC better represented than in coarser resolution POP
- Transports are realistic.
- Gulf Stream and North Atlantic Current are poorly represented, due to set-up of polar currents.
- Mixed layers are too deep at high latitudes.

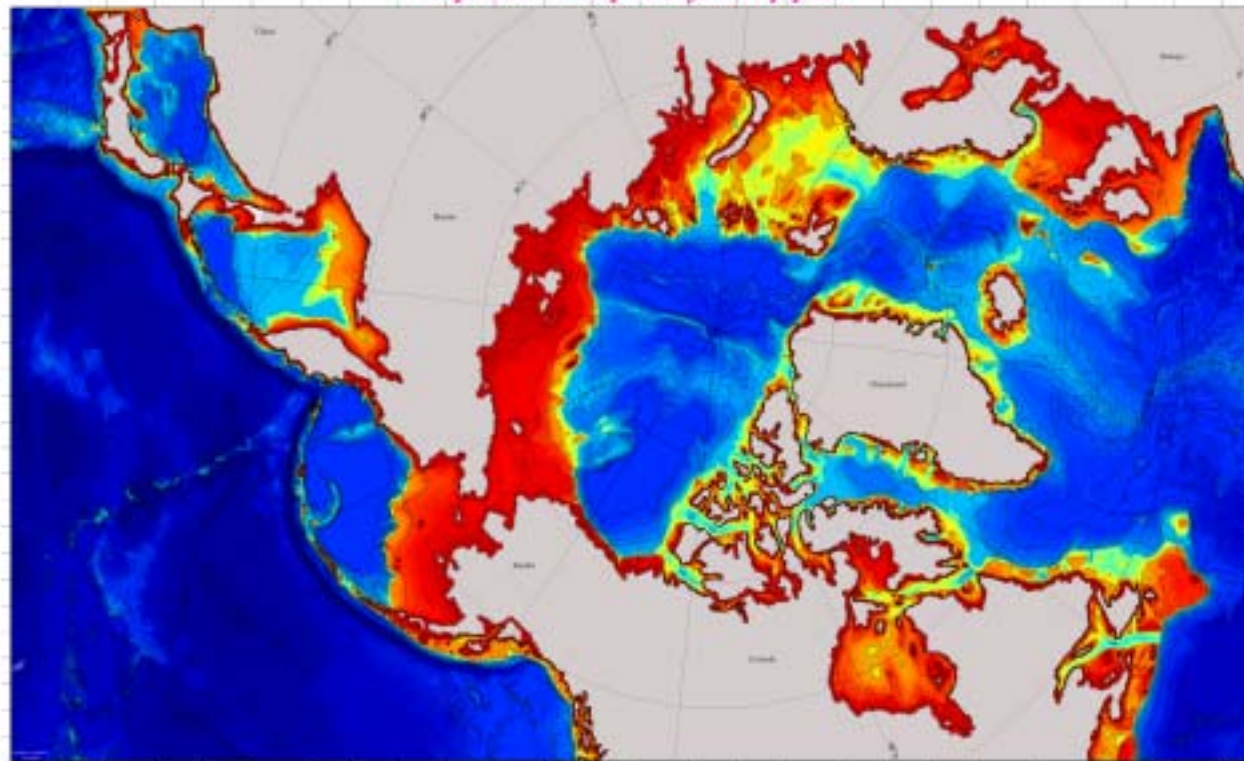


# Development of PIPS 3.0



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1/12 Degree PIPS 3.0 Model Bathymetry (m)

(Data derived from ETOP5M database; Navy Research Lab, Canadian Hydrographic Service and Russian charts; and declassified U.S. Navy and British Royal Navy submarine bathymetry data. Contour intervals: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500-600m, to 500m)



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# 9-km Model Results:

1. Implementation of the new IBCAO bathymetry - Model Grid: 1280x720x45
2. Implementation of the new (UW/PSC) hydrographic climatology (PHC)
3. Addition of freshwater sources from river runoff (Yukon, Mackenzie, and Russian rivers)
4. Implementation of numerical tracers for Pacific Water, Atlantic Water, and river runoff
5. Completed 60-year Integration (with 'old' sea ice model) at ARSC:
  - 27-year spinup with ECMWF-derived climatological forcing (1979-1993 mean daily-averaged annual cycle)
  - 6-year run with the repeated ECMWF 1979 annual cycle
  - 9-year run with the repeated ECMWF 1979-1981 cycle
  - 6-year run with runoff and numerical tracers with the repeated ECMWF 1979-81 cycle
  - ongoing 1979-2002 interannual simulation – 1979-1990 completed



# 9-km Model Results - Continued:



6. Development/implementation of the new sea ice model (LANL/CICE):
  - energy-conserving thermodynamics with: 5 categories, 4 layers per category, snow layer, nonlinear T, S profiles (Bitz & Lipscomb, 1999)
  - EVP dynamics (Hunke and Dukowicz, 1997)
  - 2-D remapping scheme for horizontal ice transport (Lipscomb, 2001)
  - 1-D remapping scheme for updating the thickness distribution (Lipscomb and Hunke, in prep)
  - stand alone and coupled versions with an interface to the NCAR CCSM flux coupler
  - implementation on the global POP displaced North Pole grid
  - MPI parallelism
  - online documentation @ <http://www.acl.lanl.gov/climate/eclare/cicecode>
7. Completed 20-year integration (ERDC) including a 10-year spinup and the 1979-1988 interannual forcing run forced with ECMWF data
8. Coupling of the new sea ice model to the ocean model – ongoing
9. Assimilation of SMM/I-derived sea ice drift data using Optimal Interpolation (OI)

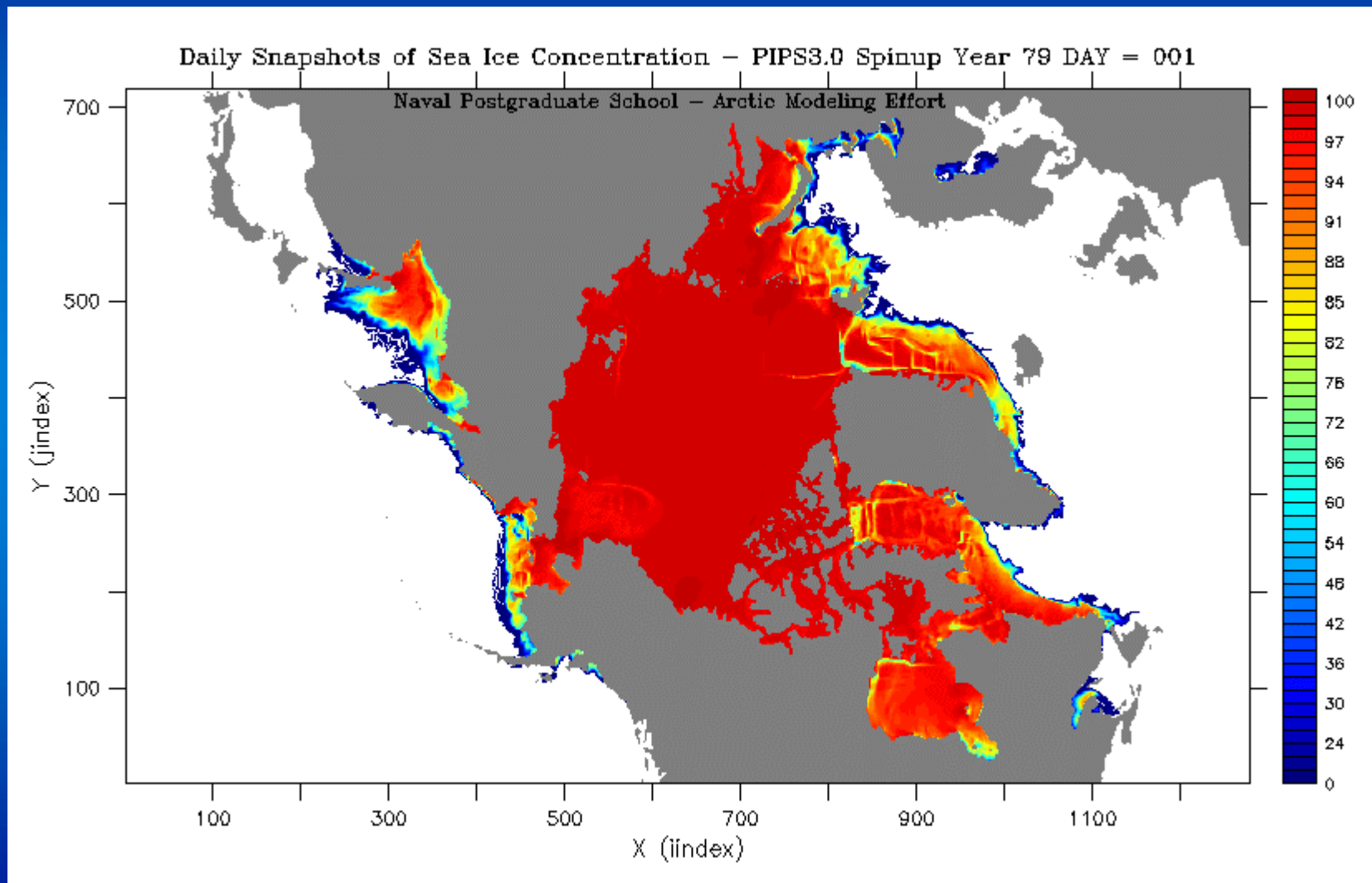


## Stand alone model parallelization (ERDC-O3K):

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16	90	2109	1186	23.43	35.15	58.6
32	90	1439	904	16	24.0	40.0 ←
64	90	741	449	8.23	12.35	20.6
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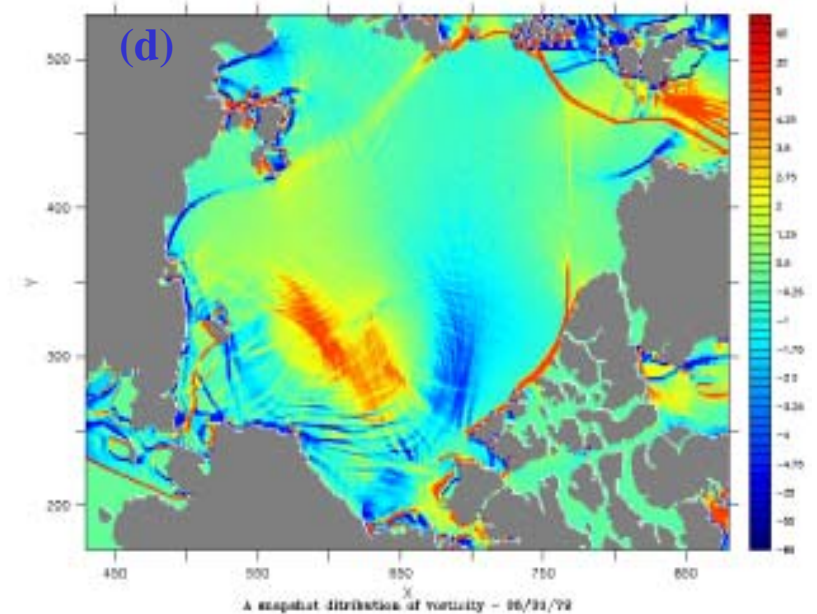
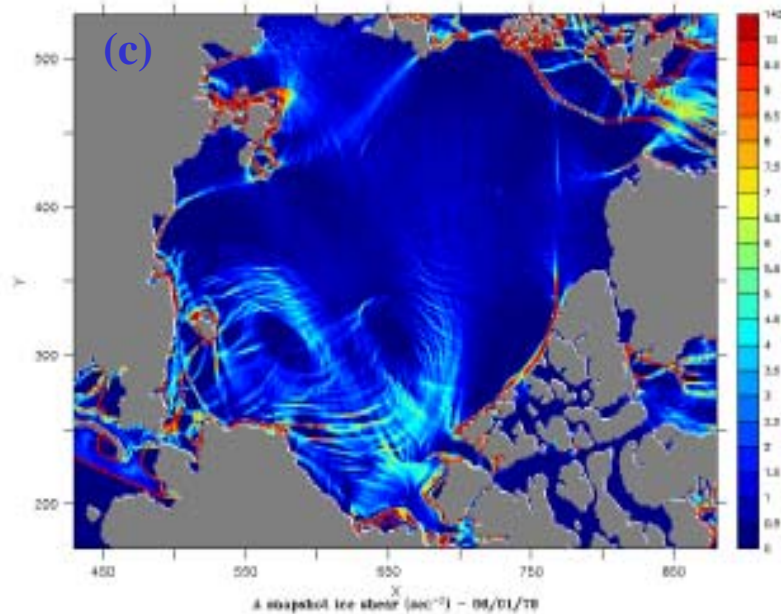
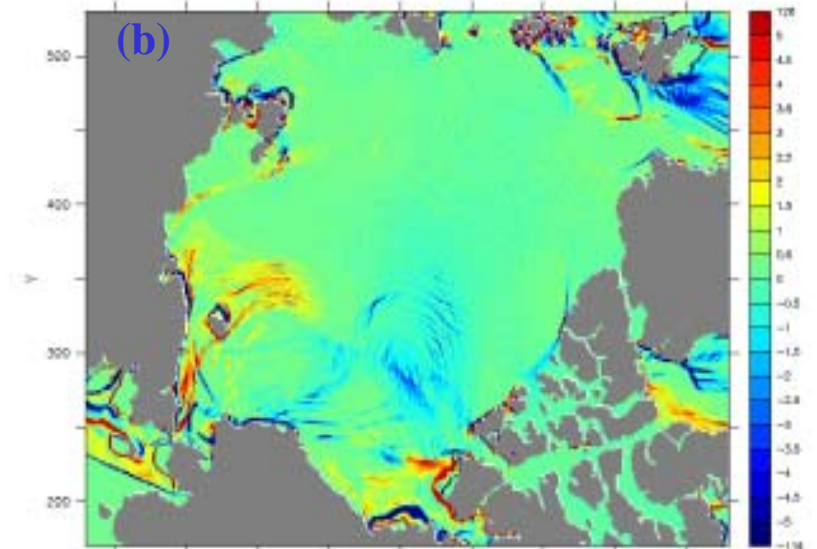
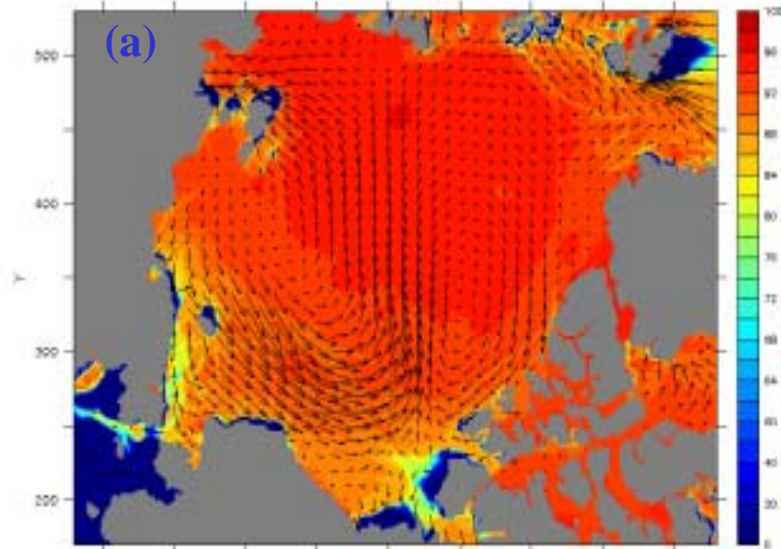
**Array(1280x720); 5 ice categories, 4 layers per category;  
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## Results from the 9-km (NPS) coupled ice-ocean model (with 'old' sea ice model)



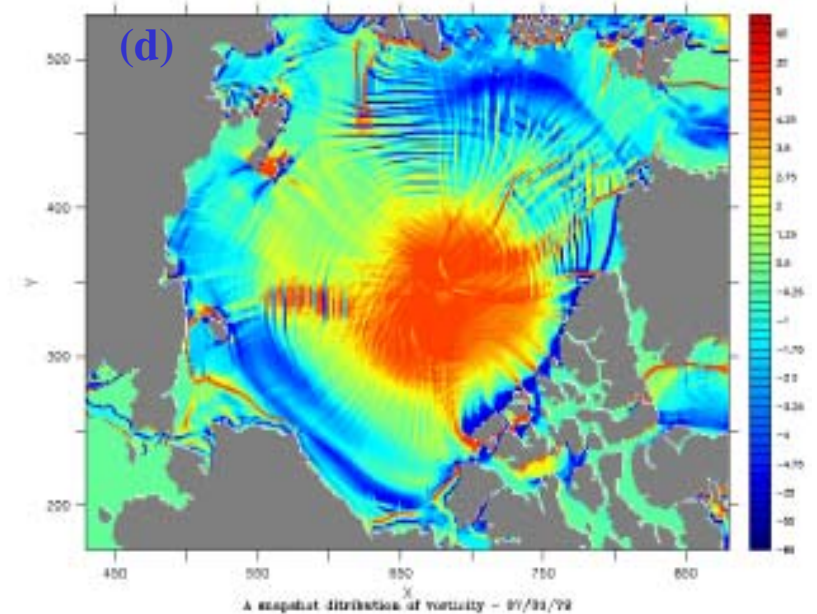
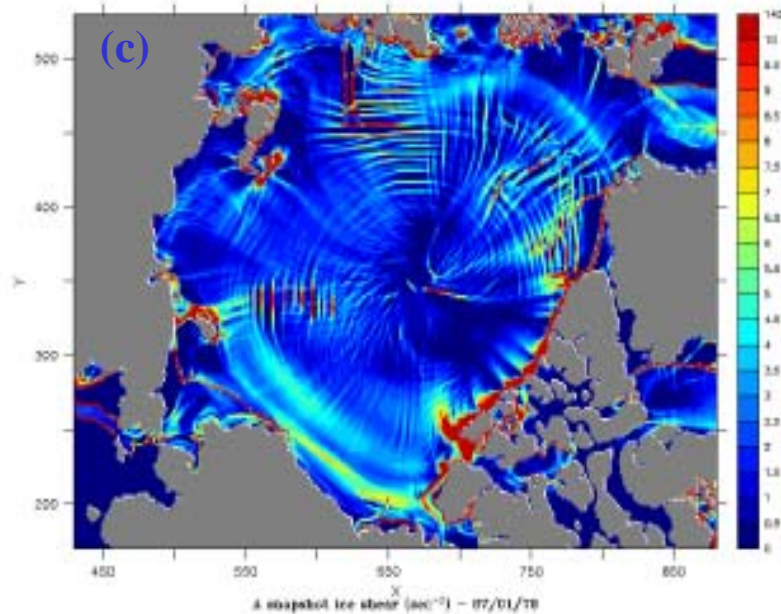
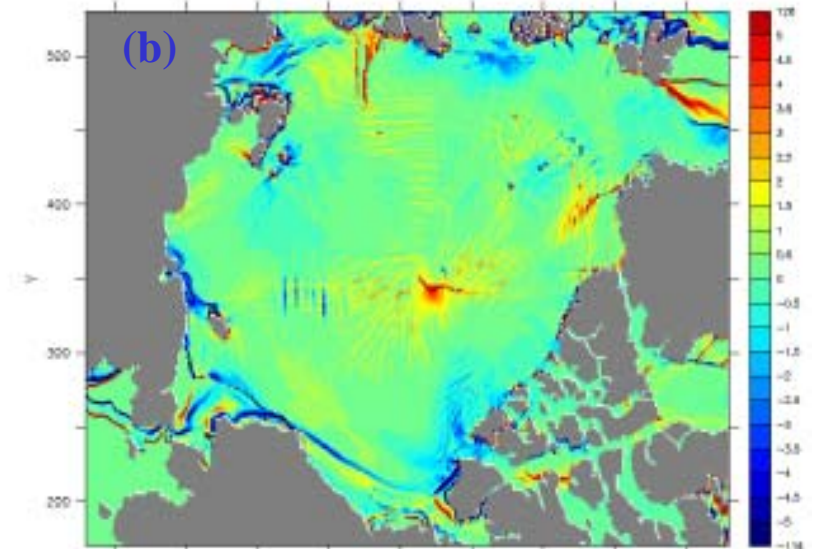
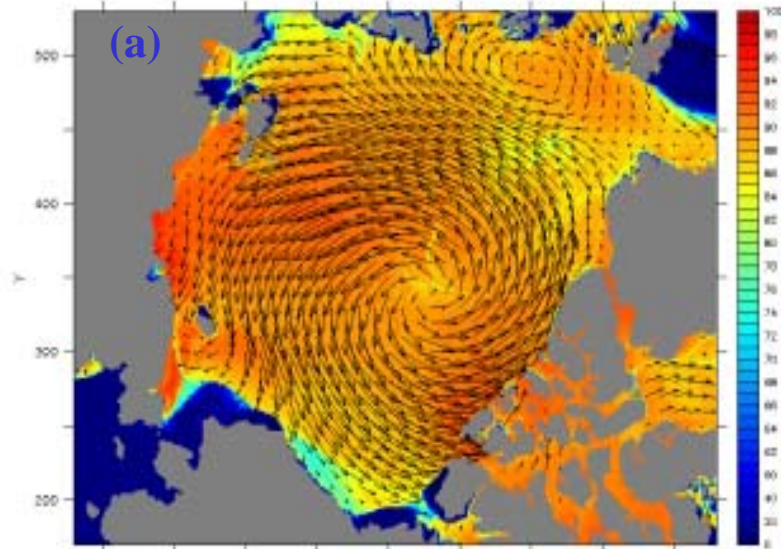
Daily snapshots of sea ice concentration (%) – 1979-1981

# A snapshot of (a) ice area and drift, (b) divergence, (c) shear, and (d) vorticity- Spinup 06/01/79

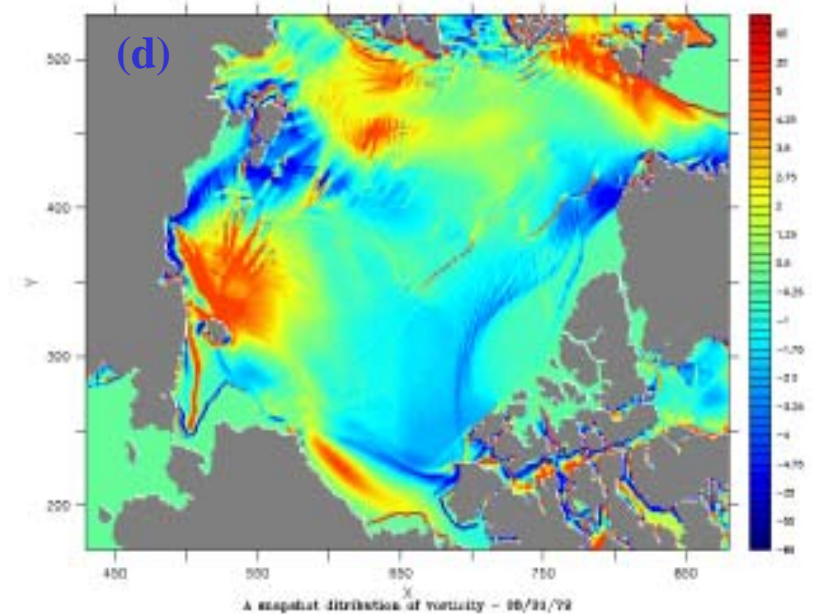
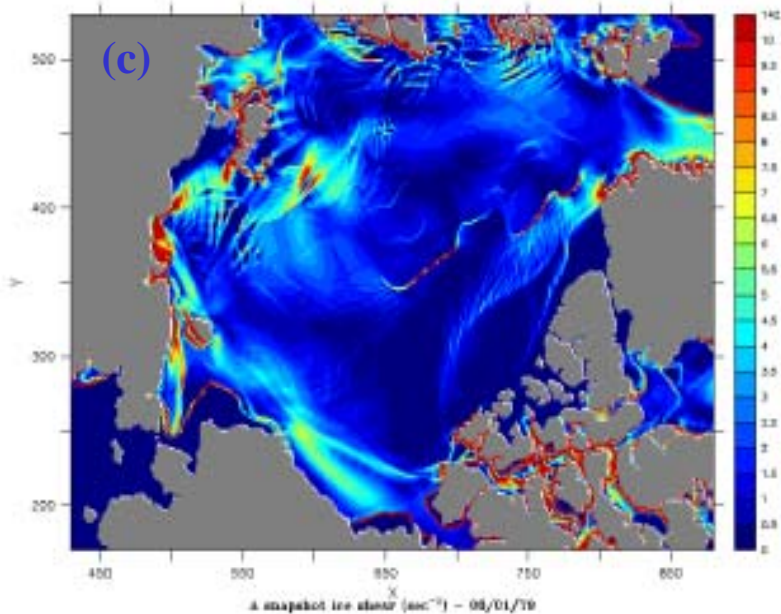
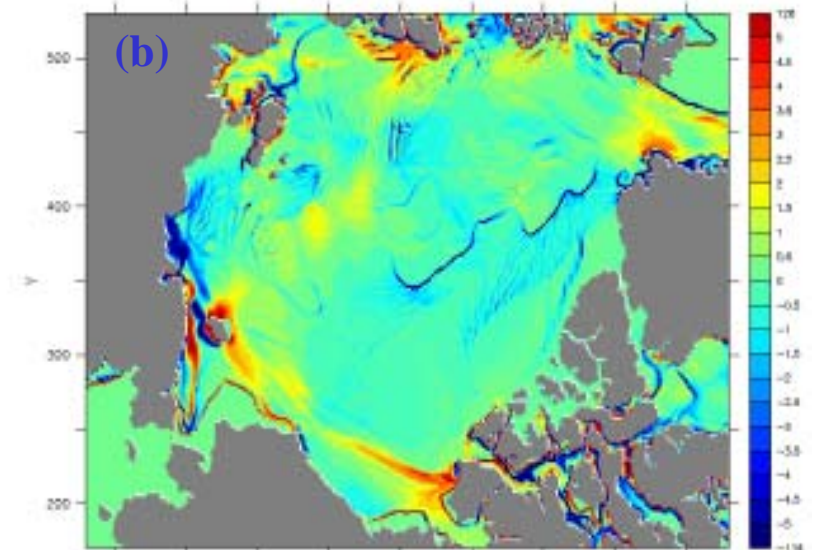
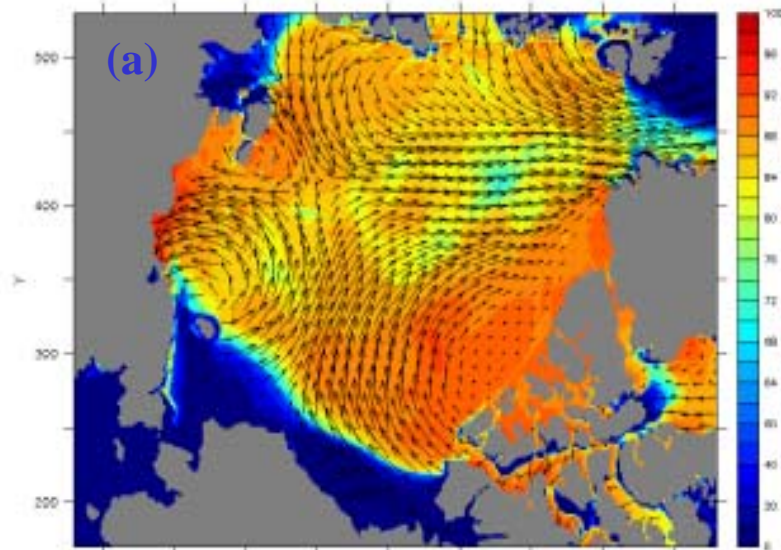




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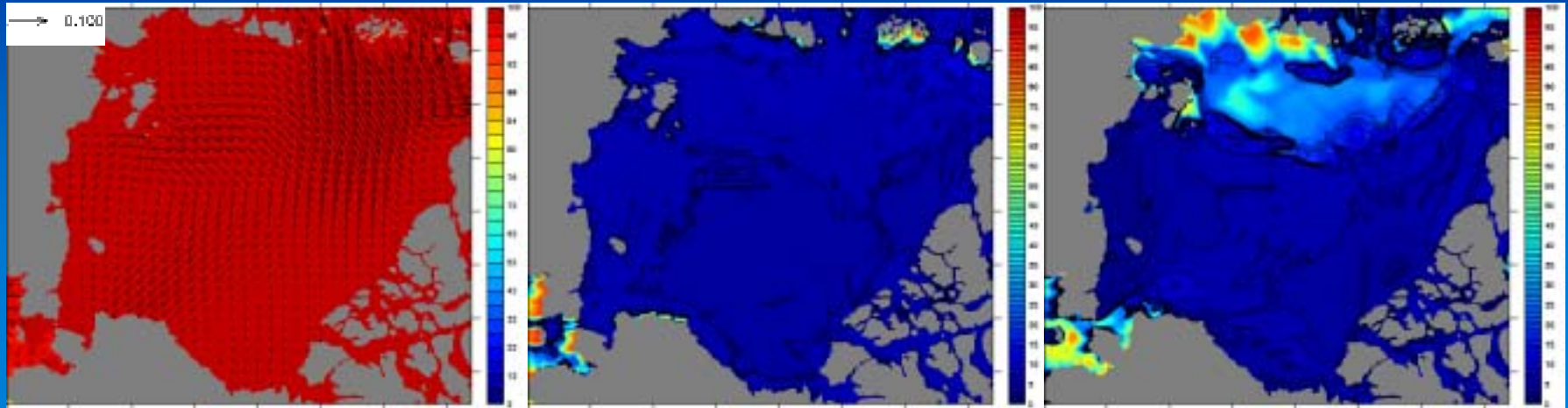


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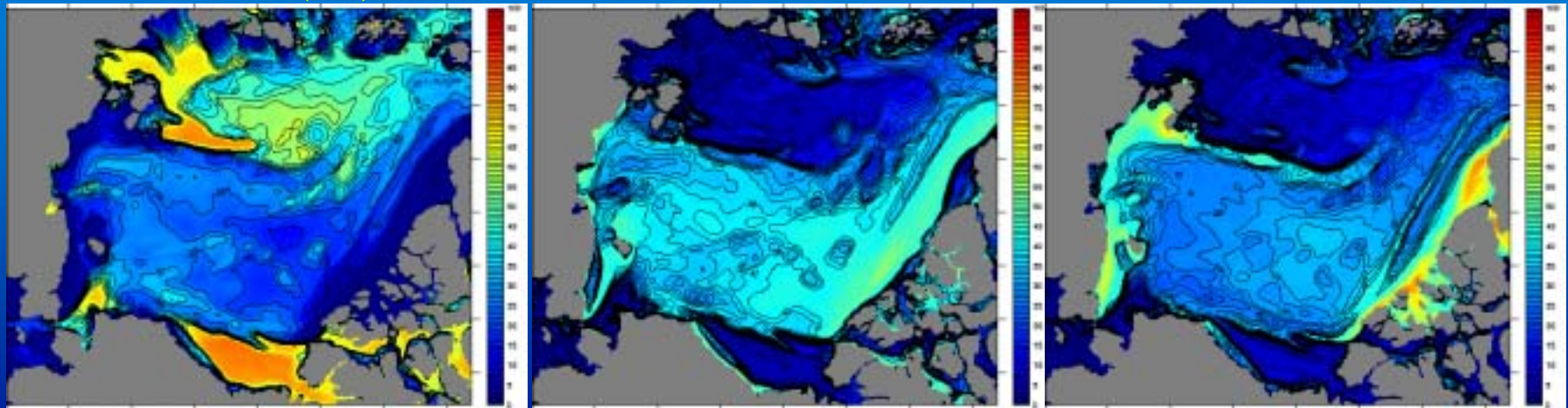
# Multi-category Total and Fractional Sea Ice Concentrations (%) – April 1, 1982



Total Ice Concentration (%)  
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Category I (0-0.45 m)

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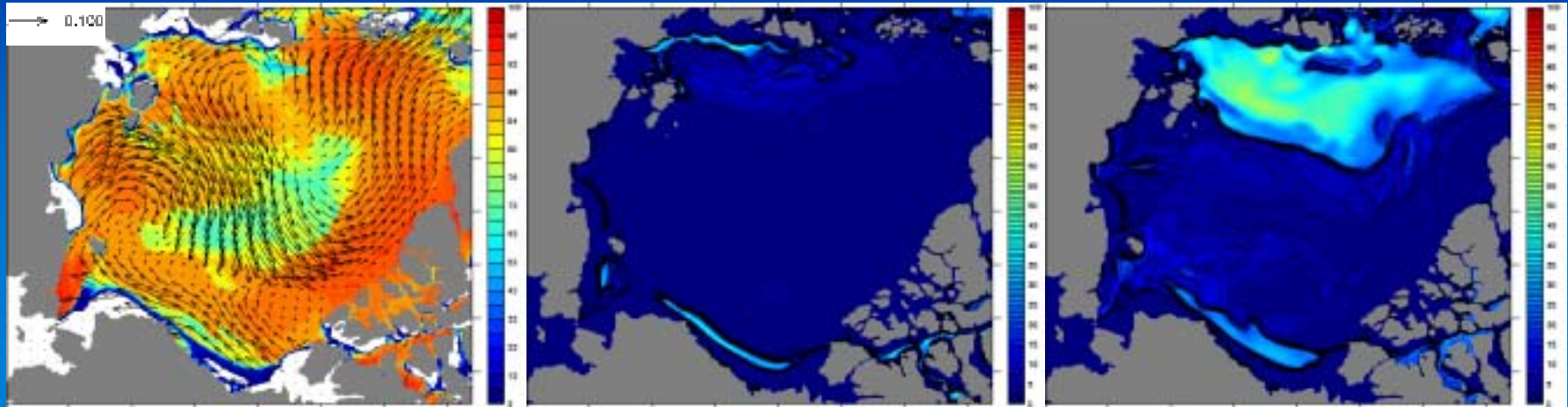
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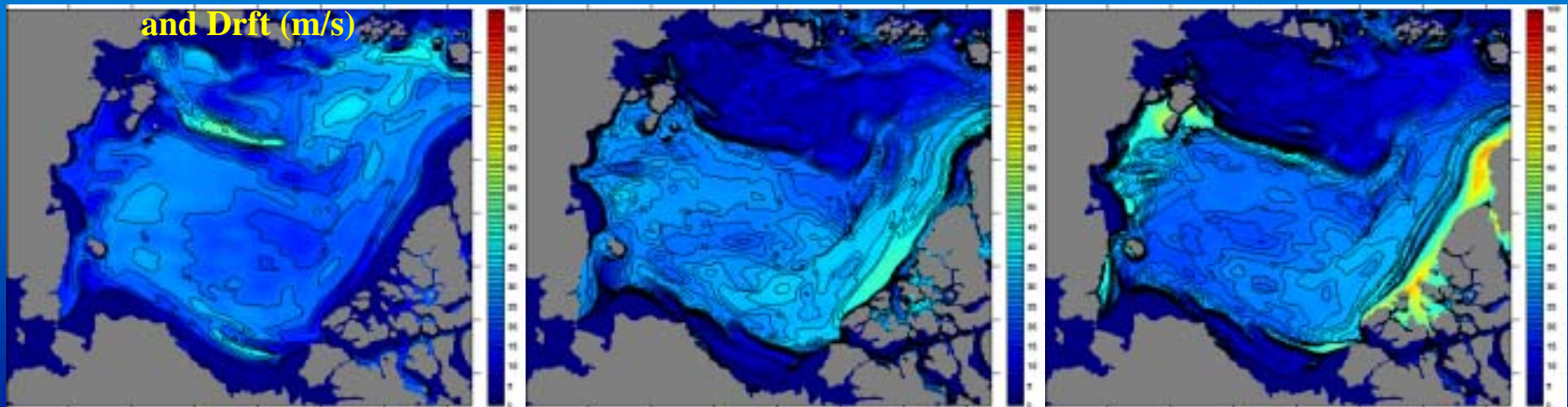
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Total Ice Concentration  
(%)  
and Drift (m/s)

Category I (0-0.45 m)

Category II (0.45-1.2m)



Category III (1.2-2.2 m)

Category IV (2.2-4.5 m)

Category V (4.5-9.0 m)

An improved skill in modeling the evolution of first- and multi-year ice

# Conclusions:

- A regional/nested approach might be useful for realistic representation of the Arctic sea ice and ocean processes in global operational and climate models
- A regional Arctic climate model (at sufficiently high resolution) should provide predictive capability for the region at seasonal to interannual scales
- Ensemble simulations of several arctic change scenarios (e.g. warming, cooling, no change) could provide the Navy with critical predictions of possible environmental trends currently defined based on 'short/biased' data sets